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Scholarships Abound for Area Students

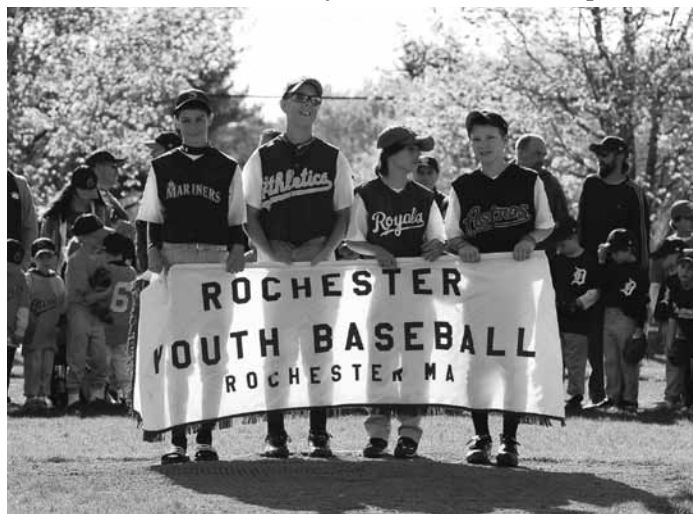
By Laura Pedulli

Recognizing the ever-increasing cost of tuition, a few local groups are offering scholarships to take the sting out of schooling expenses. These scholarships are available just as students are deciding on their higher education school of choice.

Mattapoisett Land Trust (MLT) – For the second year, the MLT is offering a \$1,000 scholarship for Mattapoisett high school residents who will graduate by June 2011. The Blanche B. Perry Scholarship Award is geared for seniors seeking an education in the sciences and/or environmental studies or a related field. The scholarship monies derive from the Edith Glick Schoolman fund, “a bequest left to the MLT to provide support for children in the community,” according to the MLT.

Ellen Flynn, the chairperson of MLT’s Education Committee, said that much time and energy was spent in developing criteria to vet the applicants. Blanche Perry, “our wonderful, educational spokesperson” was critical to getting it off the ground, she said; thus, the group decided to name the scholarship in her honor.

The winner of this year’s MLT scholarship will



Above: Rochester Youth Baseball’s Opening Day ceremony took place at Gifford Park in 2010. This year’s opening day is set for Saturday, April 23, 2011. Photo courtesy of Hal Rood.

On the Cover (top): Valerie and Nick Wisniewski from Walnut Hill Tracking and Nature Center presented an informative slide show at The Marion Natural History Museum on March 12, 2011. The group then went for a walk at Washburn Park in Marion and pointed out several animal tracks. Photo by Felix Perez.

On the Cover (Bottom): The Marion Natural History Museum’s after-school program featured “Rockets” with Dr. Dills of the UMass Dartmouth Chemistry Department on March 2, 2011. The participants had fun constructing the nose-cones and adding weight, attaching fins, and decorating their rockets for launch. Many flew 100 feet or more! Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Leidhold.

follow the path of last year’s recipient, Zachary Cosgrove, who is a budding scholar at University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth. Mr. Cosgrove is studying marine science and aspires to continue at the graduate level and work with endangered marine life.

To apply, the following additional information is required:

- A Personal Statement about career goals as they relate to the mission of the MLT, past and present.
- A signed Community Service Form documenting a minimum of 20 hours of community service.
- Professional letter of reference (teacher or guidance counselor).
- A Character letter of reference (such as employer, Scout leader, community leader and or neighbor).
- An official school transcript including credits and class rank.

The application forms will be found in the guidance offices at the local public and private schools or at the Mattapoisett Land Trust website www.MattLandTrust.org/education. The deadline for submitting the forms is April 25 and a selection will be made by May 10.

For more information, contact the MLT at: Mattapoisett Land Trust; ATTN: Education Committee; P.O. Box 31; Mattapoisett, MA 02739; or by email at: info@mattlandtrust.org.

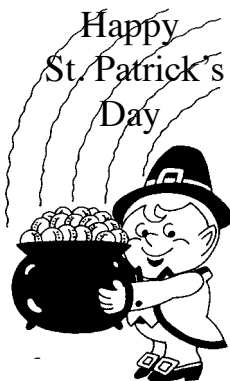
Marion Scholarship Committee – Marion graduating seniors may want to try their hand at obtaining college scholarships offered through the Town of Marion’s Scholarship Committee. According to Debra Blanchette, Chair of the Committee, available scholarships

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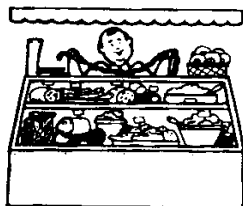
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range from \$250 to \$1,000 and the number of scholarships and dollar value depend on its budget this year, which is yet to be determined.

The committee began dispensing scholarships in 1994, when the scholarship committee was adopted by town meeting, and since has given awards to more than 75 Marion residents. General scholarships are awarded based on a student's financial need, character, scholastic record, extracurricular activities and involvement in community affairs. Last year, five Marion residents won scholarships.

The applications, due by April 18, are available in the guidance/college counseling offices of ORR High School, Upper Cape Vocational, Tabor Academy and Bishop Stang High School. The deadline is April 18. Please contact with Ms. Blanchette with any questions by e-mailing: debra.blanchette@town.barnstable.ma.us.

Mattapoisett Lions Club – After revitalizing its scholarship program last year, the club again is offering two \$1,250 scholarships to graduating high school students who reside in Mattapoisett, Marion and Rochester. The funds are raised through charitable events run by the Lions Club throughout the year, including Harbor Days, its capstone festival in July.

Helene Rose took on the project last year as Club President, and with assistance from other members, particularly Bruce Rocha, the club put the scholarship program together. "Last year we had 14 applicants. This year we hope to have the same," she said.

A major focus of Lions Club is sight and eye health, and special consideration will be given to students studying eye research. However, Ms. Rose said, "We didn't make it part of the scoring process." The vetting committee is interested in students who have participated in community service, and hopes a scholarship will increase their interest in joining the organization later in life.

"We absolutely are making sure we do it every year," Ms Rose said. "The cost of education can be prohibitive and this helps out a student. We also are looking to the future, and hope to motivate a whole new crop of young people interested in community service."

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Mattapoisett Woman's Club – Another set of scholarships for Mattapoisett residents is from the Mattapoisett Woman's Club. The club is offering three \$1,000 scholarships, one more than last year, and raised its re-entry scholarship this year from \$500 to \$750, according to Ellen Flynn.

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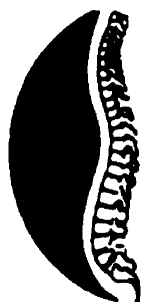


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"This program is dear to my heart," said Ms. Flynn who joined the club six years ago, adding that she enjoys everything from the evaluation process to awarding a student and watching them touch base later on. "It is fun for me. I feel a personal attachment to the student," she said. "Many of them are very, very qualified... It is kind of a challenge to figure out who to give them to."

The \$750 re-entry scholarship supports older students wishing to further their schooling after a hiatus. Member Eileen Marum received it several years ago to finish her studies at Smith College and Ms. Flynn recalled one recipient who excelled in his business endeavors and down the road returned to the club to offer his thanks. "It was touching. He was very thankful," she said.

To apply and obtain the scholarship applications, contact the guidance offices at the local high schools or preparatory schools. Both applications will be available.

Deadline for returning the completed application is April 29. The scholarships winners will be announced at the schools' awards night prior to graduation. The actual money from the scholarship will be granted after the first successfully completed semester in college.

If you have any further questions you may contact the Mattapoisett Woman's Club at P.O. Box 1444, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.

Dam Removal Benefits Debated

Rochester Board of Selectmen

By Anne Kakley

A regular meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen was called to order by Chairman Naida Parker on March 14, 2011 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall. Also in attendance were Selectmen Richard Nunes and Bradford Morse, Town Administrator Richard LaCamera and

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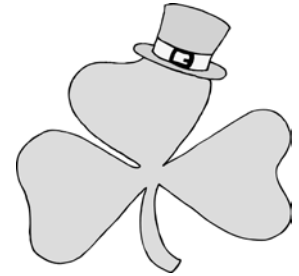
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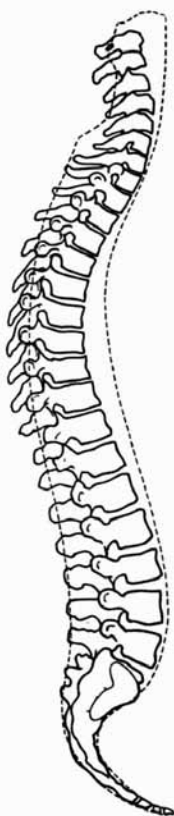
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The minutes of the February 28 and March 5 meetings were approved.

The Selectmen then signed the warrant for the annual town election. On the ballot this year, voters will consider accepting the provisions of the Dairy Farm Stabilization Act. The vote would determine if the town would impose a farm animal and equipment excise tax. The town election will take place on April 13, 2011 at the Rochester Senior Center on Dexter Lane from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm.

In their only appointment, the Board met with Brendan Annett and Mark Rasmussen of the Coalition for Buzzard's Bay (CBB) to consider acquiring land around the Hathaway Pond Dam. After several warnings from the state to remediate the failing dam, property owner Susan Hamson is now looking for someone to acquire the parcel to address the serious dam situation.

Mr. Rasmussen described it as "an earthen dam" that has been considered hazardous by the state for the past ten years.

"We got a glimpse of [potential dam failure] last spring," said Mr. Rasmussen. Considerable rainfall in March 2010 strained the dam and threatened outright failure. He said that state warnings to remediate the dam have gotten "increasingly aggressive", but with repair estimates reaching \$650,000, the owner has been unable to act.

Ms. Hamson reached out to CBB for possible acquisition, said Mr. Rasmussen. The organization believes the land is valuable for conservation because it would facilitate access to Haskell Swamp and Eastover Farm. Moreover, they believe a remediated dam would provide long-term habitat improvement for several fish species in the area. "This would be a pretty significant river restoration project," Mr. Rasmussen added.

Mr. Rasmussen and Mr. Annett presented three options for the dam: restoration, partial restoration and construction of a naturalized fish way, or complete dam removal. Because removing the dam would be the most cost effective way to remediate the situation, the organization is exploring this as the most viable option.

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concern that if CBB eliminated the dam and diffused the water to outlying wetlands, some valuable herring spawning areas would be lost.

"We spoke to every fish expert we could find," said Mr. Rasmussen in response to the claim. He added that they would "expect net benefits versus net payoff" in regards to fish population because the project would connect the fish to other spawning locations in the adjacent Leonard's Pond. "There's not a competing interest here," Mr. Rasmussen continued. "We are doing it for the fish like [Mr. Watling] is doing it for the fish."

In addition to considering the fish habitat, CBB would have to determine the impact of dam removal on a nearby cranberry bog owned by Doug Beaton.



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"It's going to take a while to get this all done," said Mr. Rasmussen, who estimated the project would take about 18 months for completion. The next steps, he said, would be to acquire the dam, work with the state to show compliance, design and research the project, and obtain permitting.

The presentation for the selection was informational and the CBB representatives did not ask for any action. "It sounds like a complicated situation," said Chairman Parker. "Hopefully, you can work it out to the fishes' advantage."

In his Town Administrator's report, Mr. LaCamera said that he was "disappointed" that the planning board wanted to change action items in a housing plan that was approved by the Board of Selectmen last year. If the planning board went ahead with the changes, the Board of Selectmen would also have to approve the plan again, which would drag out the process, Mr. LaCamera said. "This has gone on way, way too long," he added. The Board agreed to ask the planning board chairman to come to the next Selectmen meeting to discuss the housing plan.

In a budget update, Mr. LaCamera offered some "good news" to the Board. He said that the Old Rochester Regional assessment fee that they had contested at a recent meeting would be lower than they initially thought, due to over-budgeted health insurance and electricity costs that Old Rochester Regional must return to the towns. The budget increase for Rochester was initially \$438,000, but with the refund, the town will end up with a budget increase of about \$126,000 instead.

In correspondence, the Board received a letter from Georgina Soule, who informed the Board that she was resigning from her position from the Scholarship Committee. The Board voted to accept her resignation.

The Board voted to adjourn at 7:55 pm.

Lagoons Eyed as Harbor Contaminant

Marion Board of Selectmen

By Anne Kakley

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In their first appointment, the Board met with Mark Rasmussen of Coalition for Buzzard's Bay (CBB) and Mark Nelson of the Horsley Witten Group to address possible effluent seepage from the Aucot Cove wastewater treatment lagoons.

CBB had approached the Board in September 2010 to present concerns about water quality in Marion water, particularly at Hammett's Cove and the inner section of Sippican Harbor. CBB had presented the theory that the

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poor water quality and elevated levels of nitrogen were the result of slow leaching from the wastewater treatment lagoons located in Aucoot Cove. With the Board's approval, CBB proceeded to collect water from sample wells around Aucoot Cove to measure nitrogen levels and determine if the lagoons – which span 20 acres – were the source of nitrogen for the harbor and surrounding water.

According to Mr. Nelson, nitrogen levels in healthy water are about .05mg per liter. Sample testing around the lagoons, he showed, were as high as 10.2mg per liter. Additionally, he showed the water elevation levels around Aucoot Cove and demonstrated how effluent could diffuse from the sewerage disposal ponds into surrounding water.

Mr. Nelson explained that the groundwater would typically move about a foot a day, and the lagoons are about a mile from Sippican Harbor. Considering the distance and time it would take for the effluent to travel from the lagoons to the harbor, and the onset of the water quality issues, he said that if the lagoons were the source, then the contamination began in the 1970s, which is when the lagoons were constructed.

"I don't think we need to go far to know that we have an issue," said Mr. Rasmussen, President of the Coalition for Buzzard's Bay. "There is nitrogen getting into the ground from these lagoons."

For remediating the problem, Mr. Nelson suggested the town initiate a plan to drain the sewerage tanks and line them with a "membrane". The cost for such a project, said Mr. Nelson, would be about \$3.2 million dollars.

Referencing the amount of time it took for the contaminated water to reach the harbor, Selectmen Henry asked if it would take 50 years before the results of a clean-up effort could be seen in outlying water. Mr. Rasmussen said that the improvement would take decades, but there could be a considerable improvement even in the short-term.

"It would seem prudent to line them," said Selectmen Henry, but he said that he would also like to pursue other potential sources of nitrogen run-off, such as nitrogen that comes from lawn fertilizers.

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"That's a source – there's no doubt about that, and we should be working on it," said Mr. Rasmussen. However, he thought the larger scale nitrogen levels that they saw in Marion were the result of seepage from the Aucoot lagoons.

"We obviously have some decisions to make," said Mr. Dawson. "It's a lot of money."


The Board agreed to continue discussions with CBB and town engineers for wastewater treatment, Camp, Dresser and McGee, Inc. (CDM) in regards to the Aucoot Cove lagoons.

In a second appointment, the Board conducted a public hearing for an all-alcohol license for House of Thai. Alexander Kenney, manager on record, represented the restaurant in the license application.


The restaurant currently has a "BYOB" policy, which allows patrons to bring their own beer and wine. The full liquor license, Mr. Kenney said, would allow the restaurant to expand offerings in the future.

After the Board confirmed that House of Thai servers – including Mr. Kenney himself – would become

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"TIPS" certified in serving alcohol, they approved the application.

Under action items, the Board:

- Voted to approve a one-day, wine and malt license for the Marion Art Center for each of the following dates: March 18, 19, 25 and 26.
- Voted to approve a one-day wine and malt license for an O'Shaughnessy family celebration at the Music Hall on June 12.
- Appointed Animal Control Officer Susan Conner as the Inspector of Animals.
- Signed a water commitment of \$550.

The Board also signed a preservation restriction for the Marion Art Center to the Marion Historical Commission. This restriction was a requirement of a 2010 town meeting article that appropriated Community Preservation Act funds to repair the bell tower at the Marion Art Center building.

The Board voted to adjourn at 8:40 pm.

Expert: Asphalt Plant Too Loud

Rochester Planning Board

By Laura Pedulli

A special meeting of the Rochester Planning Board was called to order by Chairman Arnold Johnson at 7:00 pm on March 15, 2011 in the Rochester Senior Center cafeteria. Committee members Susan Peterson, Bendrix Bailey, Gary Florindo, and John DeMaggio were

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in attendance, as well as Town Planner John Charbonneau and Town Counsel Blair Bailey.

The special meeting was called to offer additional time to review the effects of a proposed asphalt plant in Northeastern Rochester. The construction of the plant, which Edgewood Development originally proposed in mid-November, is being contested by some commercial and residential abutters who feel its impact is unduly burdensome in terms of traffic, noise, quality of life and other considerations.

Led by legal representative Benjamin Tymann, experts have been brought forward to critique studies presented by Edgewood Development. At this hearing, the board heard from a noted acoustic expert Erich

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Thalheimer, who presented his conclusions about the impact of the plant of its closest abutter, the Millet residence.

After some dispute between Edgewood Development and Mr. Tyman about the use of Edgewood maps in the presentation, Mr. Thalheimer agreed to present his materials without reference to their maps, although they were used in his analysis.

Mr. Thalheimer offered a comprehensive technical analysis of noise from the proposed site and concluded that it would significantly raise ambient noise levels over what is permitted by the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The town of Rochester has no bylaws addressing noise.

Under DEP rules, Mr. Thalheimer explained that noise studies are generally conducted relative to the effects on the closest abutter, which in this case is the Millet family. This residence is 150 feet from the proposed site, and the property line is 60 feet from the site. Other abutting properties were not studied.

He said to gauge the impact of noise on the property, he placed two outdoor microphones at the Millet property line and ten feet from the residence's facade to measure sound levels between 6:00 am and 4:00 pm during the week of February 12, excluding Sunday.

Under the regulations, a new operation cannot increase noise levels more than 10 decibels above the current background noise. This translates into noise twice



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as loud as what would occur in the quietest conditions, although Mr. Thalheimer emphasized that he factored in other noise, including noise from four trucks per hour, for the benefit of the applicant.

He said the results found that background noise for the facade of the home and the property line is roughly 50 decibel acoustics (dBA). As such, the proposed plant noise could not exceed 60 dBA at either of these locations, or he said they would be in violation of Massachusetts regulations. In response to an inquiry from Mr. Florindo, Mr. Thalheimer explained that the state does not take into consideration zoning in this rule. The proposed plant would be built in an industrial zone.

Mr. Thalheimer then described in detail what



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kind of noise the proposed plant would generate, using raw data obtained by Gencorps, manufacturer of the plant. This information included specific dBA information on noise sources of the plant, including truck traffic, mixing drums, vibrating screens, the stack, backup alarms and conveyor belts. He superimposed the site plan on a map created by Google Earth to help calculate the ambient dBA level that would be created by the plant.

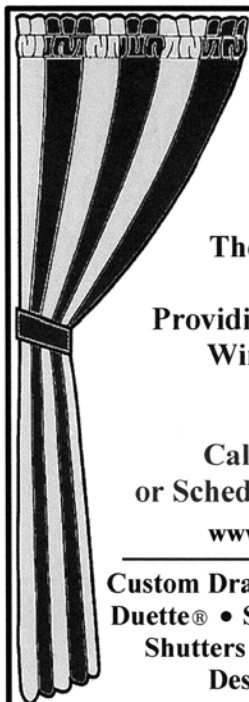
The findings concluded that the plant would create 70 dBA from the property line and 60 dBA from the home facade. "This is twice as loud as what DEP allows. That is quite loud, a considerable noise impact," he said, adding that noise created by back up alarms would be 69 dBA from the property line and 62 dBA from the facade.

Mr. Thalheimer said the state has, on frequent occasions, used his acoustic analyses and in response to committee member Mr. Blair's question, "Would [the DEP] take your information as gospel?" he responded: "Yes."

Some discussion took place about the timing of the study, which occurred when nearby abutter Rochester Bituminous was closed and thereby not included in the ambient sound calculation. Mr. Thalheimer stressed that at 1,200 yards away, the property is too far away to affect the ambient levels at the Millet residence. Jerry LoRusso of Edgewood Development expressed similar concerns that higher traffic during summer months would yield different results.

"In my 25 years permitting commercial and residential property, I've never heard of background noise being determined at the quietest time," Mr. LoRusso said. However, Mr. Thalheimer said the DEP generally wants such studies at the quietest time possible to protect abutter interests.

He summed up that for the Millets, the sounds



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would "be dominant" with even SEMASS operations being "totally drowned out" by the noise. He added that mitigation is difficult because much of the noise sources, such as that from the stack, are at high levels and difficult to block with fences.

Mr. Thalheimer then went on to criticize the Edgewood Development noise study, calling it an "amateurish." He said that is "degrades the standard of industry." He said the author of the study, George Groll, is not an acoustics expert and only studied ambient noise levels for 15-minute increments, and at the property line, not the facade as required by the DEP. The study, he said, "was meaningless and incorrect for the applicant."

He said the author failed to identify methodology

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used, and suggested a eight to 10 foot tall wooden fence which Mr. Thalheimer said would do nothing to decrease decibel volume.

"There were a lot of red warning signs, beepers and buzzers," he said of the report. Mr. Charbonneau, town planner, concurred that he was "disappointed" in the report and said he has yet to receive more acoustic studies that he requested from the applicant. "I'm concerned about the lack of data the board has in front of it," he said.

Mr. Thalheimer stopped short of offering advice to the board about possible mitigation to reduce the noise, although Mr. Johnson pointed out that the board could require mitigation to meet allowable noise levels in its conditions of approval. Mr. Lorusso did say he is willing to go with less offensive back-up alarms to reduce annoying noise.

The board voted to continue the hearing for March 22 at 7:30 pm. Under the current deadline, a decision has to be rendered by March 24.

At 9:35 pm, the board voted to adjourn.

Bay Watch 40B Hearing Continued

Marion Conservation Commission

By Joan Hartnett-Barry

A meeting of the Marion Conservation Commission was held on Wednesday, March 9, and called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Joel D. Hartley. Also present were members Norman A. Hills, Wendy L. Carreau, Lawrence Doman, Sherman Briggs and Secretary Diane R. Drake.

The first order of business was an appointment with William A. Sampson for a Request for Determination of Applicability (RFD) to raze the existing dwelling at 43 Dexter Road, Dexter Beach, and reclaim the yard by clearing brush up to fifteen feet from the wetland line. Thomas Lovett of Banyan Consulting of Somerville, MA represented the applicant. Mr. Lovett said that the applicant wants to change the application to show that he will not raze the building. Instead, he plans to sell it and wants permission to clear the property of overgrown vines, brush, downed cedar trees and honeysuckle. The

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property has a sewer hook up in front of the dwelling and the applicant requested permission to fill in the cesspool area with an estimated 6 yards of sand or stone. The board agreed to the proposal with the condition that metal stakes be placed every ten feet marking the 15-foot line from the wetlands.

The next appointment was with Alan and Linda Solomon for an RFD to construct a living room, dining room and mudroom expansion within the patio areas at 15 Spinnaker Lane, and reconstruct the patio along the easterly side of the dwelling. Dave Davignon of Schneider Associates represented the applicant. The L-shaped addition was approved by the board with the condition that the grade remain the same.

The next item was an RFD for John P. and Craig F. Lawrence to construct a deck and three small additions to the dwelling at 5 Pawkechatt Way, a detached garage with a gravel driveway, bury utilities and do landscaping. Christian Fallon of Thompson Engineering, along with the Lawrences spoke to the board. Mr. Lawrence explained that the one and a half acre property is in an AE15 flood zone with an isolated wetland, created by both past hurricane damage and work done on a neighboring property. At issue was whether the bowl shaped wet area was a 'protected resource'. Multiple visits by the ConCom and engineers hired by the Lawrences have studied, measured, photographed and discussed the nature of the wet area to help determine if it is a viable wetland

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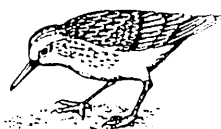
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resource. After much discussion, Mr. Fallon explained that the outdoor shower proposed by the applicant would return the water into the existing sewer system, in the house and the wet area would be turned into a 'water feature' in the proposed landscaping. Some soil will be taken out of the wet area and sand will be added, to help increase the rate of water drainage. The board agreed to the proposed changes.

The next appointment, which was continued until April 13 at 7:30 pm, was for Bay Watch Realty Trust's Notice of Intent to construct a 168-unit affordable housing complex under Chapter 40B with associated parking areas, utility connections and storm water management infrastructure off Front Street (Route 105). A March 9 letter from Bay Watch Realty Trust's attorney, Lynch, DeSimone and Nysten, LLP, noted that the continuance was "to work on density and design options".

The Town of Marion was granted a seventh three-year extension permit to construct and maintain a launching ramp, maintain a seawall, and remove boulders at the end of Silvershell Beach.

A one-year extension permit for constructing an access road along the top of the seawall at 96 Moorings Road, adding beach sand, and reconstructing the seawall was approved for 96 Moorings Road Nominee Trust.

A three-year extension permit was approved for Island Wharf Road, LLC (Barden's Boat Yard) for paving, installing a fuel tank and storm water best management

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Robert and Mary Merrow requested a full certificate of compliance for constructing a gravel road (Pasture Lane) from Converse Road through a wetland to a four-lot subdivision. Tom Gelson, who owns one of the lots, represented the applicant. The four-lot parcel with each lot consisting of three acres, was called a 'residential compound', as approved by the Planning Board over a decade ago. At issue was the 12-foot driveway which has required annual maintenance due to what was referred to as "a road lacking a good, solid foundation", by Mr. Gelson. In reviewing records of the 12-year-old complex, the board noted that they lacked paperwork involved in the wetland replication areas alongside the driveway. The



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board requested the applicant to provide the information for review prior to a certificate of compliance being issued.

Without any additional business to come before the board, the committee adjourned at 9:07 pm.

NOD Bylaw Changes Debated

Marion Planning Board

By Laura Pedulli

A regular meeting of the Marion Planning Board was called to order by Chairman Jay Ryder at 7:10 pm on March 14, 2011 in the meeting room of the Marion Town House. Committee members Tom Magauran, John Sweeney, Steve Gonsalves, Jay Crowley and Assistant to the Board Terri Santos also attended.

In action items, the board approved regular meeting minutes for January 3 and \$330 for various field engineering work and \$580 for newspaper advertising.

The board voted to hire Cornish Associates to provide two "deliverables" related to a proposed Neighborhood Overlay District (NOD) bylaw up for vote at the May town meeting. In exchange for an amount not to exceed \$7,750, Cornish will deliver a 15-minute presentation on the bylaw to all boards and give a case study demonstration on what the NOD would look like.

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a regularly scheduled 2015 Committee meeting on March 24. The second and final presentations to all boards will take place on April 14. Both meetings will be open to the public.

Due to significant changes in the proposed bylaw, which were condensed from four sections into one, the board opened and closed public hearings related to bylaw sections that are no longer under consideration.

About a dozen residents came out for the next agenda item: a continued hearing on the proposed NOD bylaw.

Prior to opening the hearing, Mr. Ryder explained that the NOD bylaw effort began four years ago and has undergone many modifications in response to input from the public. He added that the most recent version, which would encompass Section 16 of the town bylaw, has been reviewed and approved by Town Counsel Jon Whitten.

In his comments, Mr. Magauran said that the bylaw is "something we think can have a positive impact" although "sometimes it is hard to make heads and tails of it." To that end, he hoped to educate and inform Marion residents about the bylaw in preparation for the vote at town meeting. The bylaws require a two-thirds majority to pass.

Mr. Magauran said that the simplified version of the bylaws hopefully address "earlier concerns" and he added, "I hate to see it dismissed by folks... after so much effort has been put into it." Mr. Magauran confirmed that two members of the board own property in the proposed NOD, but because the board itself will not approve the bylaw, he feels it is not a conflict of interest. "I don't see anybody with an agenda," he said.

Chairman Ryder took the time to read the entire bylaw, Sections 16.1 through 16.6, to those present at the meeting. The bylaw, available in the Planning Board office, describes its purpose, which grants the power to the Planning Board to act as a Special Permit Granting Authority (SPGA) to issue special permits that allow flexible uses in the business district, including mixed-uses and denser development.

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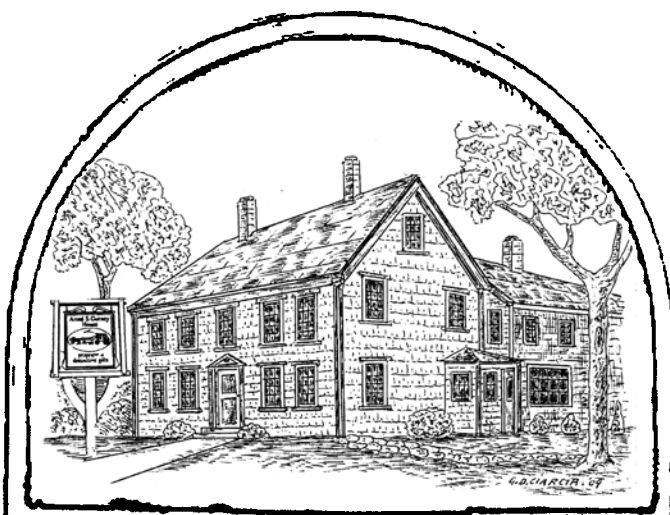
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higher development, allow for inclusionary zoning, and provide street frontage features including sidewalks for pedestrian use and integrated street trees and tree strips. The bylaws also require that the financial impact on the Marion Village Center be weighed and encourages green buildings.

Speaking about the Marion Village Center, Mr. Magauran said, "Most of us really value the village center, but we all know the financial stresses... Mattapoisett has lost its village center and we don't want that to happen here," he said.

Overall, Mr. Magauran stressed that the bylaw does not change the underlying zoning, but "it gives us ability to shape development in the future."

In the first public comment, John Rockwell questioned whether the Planning Board violated the open meeting law due to the changes in the bylaws since the previous hearing. Mr. Ryder said the board agreed to reduce the scope of the bylaw, but Mr. Rockwell responded, "I've watched every meeting, and it was never discussed."

"Talk to the Attorney General... this other stuff [regarding opening meeting law violations] is nonsense. Speak about the bylaw or go away," responded Mr. Magauran.

"A lot of what was proposed was based on your suggestions," weighed in Mr. Briggs, who said the removal of residential areas from the NOD happened due to Mr. Rockwell's input.

Resident Carol Sanz expressed concern about the setbacks, with worry that the back of some buildings will face Front Street. Mr. Magauran said that such a scenario would not be approved by the board and noted that the police and fire officials would need to be comfortable with the setbacks.

Ms. Sanz questioned the section that allows the planning board to guard against negative impact on the Village Center. "That has no teeth... How can you deny someone, saying they would have a negative impact? You have no control over what those people would do. It's free enterprise," she said.

Mr. Magauran said the board could not stop

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a similar development from being proposed, but "everything is consideration".

"I want to know your compelling reason why you want this to happen?" Ms. Sanz asked.

"This gives us tools to shape what happens in the future," Mr. Magauran responded, noting that the design guidelines and housing integration would benefit Marion through better aesthetics and more affordable housing options. "This gives the planning board the ability to have flexibility. If we had this before Cumberland Farms came long, it would have given us a lot of control," he said.

Resident Karen Dourdeville spoke at length about the possible impact of increased density, in particular the effect on the town budget. She said that if Baywatch

Realty's 40B development comes to fruition, "we will be inviting a lot of kids into the school." She added, "If I were a developer, I'd be salivating over this."

Mr. Magauran responded that Batwatch Realty may sell 70 percent of the units at the market rate, but the need for housing in the NOD may not take off as much. "The housing needs will change," he said.

Higher density development and increased traffic worried resident Annie Rockwell, who asked if the board is pursuing a traffic study. Mr. Ryder said that although the traffic issue has been discussed at length, it is impossible to conduct one without a specific development proposal. Mr. Rockwell summed up, "I think it is a mistake. This is going to have negative impact

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Some discussion took place on how increased density would affect the town's sewer system, which already is at near capacity. Mr. Rockwell said he is concerned about the lack of coordination between Planning Board and Sewer and Water Commission about the demand. He said that resident taxpayers would have to foot the bill for infrastructure to handle increased sewerage.

The board voted to continue the hearing for March 28 at 7:30 pm.

In the last item, the board voted against a proposed Open Space Acquisition Survey requested to update the Open Space Recreation Plan.

"Should we be taking tax dollars for this right now?" Mr. Magauran said.

"We've got more than enough open space... We need to fix and maintain what we have," Mr. Briggs said.

To board voted to comment that the proposed survey is "self serving and a waste of tax dollars."

The board voted to adjourn at 9:30 pm.

Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Presented

Old Rochester School Committee

By Laura Pedulli

A regular meeting of the Old Rochester Regional (ORR) District Committee was called to order by Chairman Peter Bangs at 6:00 pm on March 9, 2011, in the superintendent's conference room at ORR High School.

Chairman Bangs started off the meeting by reporting that negotiations with ORR staff "remain cordial" with a good "give and take" about the realities of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 budget. He also reiterated that a public hearing for this budget is scheduled for March 21 at 7:00 pm in the high school cafeteria. Certification of the budget is required by March 23, he said.

Superintendent Doug White discussed news that Tom Scott – Executive Director of the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents – recently spoke about the state of the budget on Beacon Hill and how it may affect schools. He said circuit breaker funds may be reimbursed at 75 percent, higher than anticipated, but

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that federal stimulus money is "drying up." The house is expected to finalize its budget by mid-April and it "remains to be seen" how the state numbers will play out.

Mr. White also reported that more than 20 district students would attend the Project Contemporary Competitiveness (PCC) summer program at Stonehill College. "This is the highest number we've ever had," commented Mr. White. The PCC program offers "high level academic opportunities for kids and community service projects in a team collaborative effort," he explained.

In other news, the superintendent said that the technology subcommittee has been meeting to address technology infrastructure needs, and plans to draft

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Elise Frangos, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, announced that a teacher/parent speaker series soon will begin, with Enrichment Teacher Stacy Soucey kicking it off with a talk about gifted students on April 14 at 6:30 pm at Sippican School. These talks, which will take place in the summer and fall, are open to the public.

Ms. Frangos also said the administration is busy hiring and interviewing potential staff for the new summer school program. She said the district is close to hiring a director that she feels will "bring much expertise to the program".

Facilities Manager Steve Murphy said that his staff was hard at work over February vacation giving "quite a bit of a face lift to the junior high and high school." He said the work has paid off. "We've maintained a high level of cleanliness and really stepped it up," he said.

Mr. Murphy also said that the installation of a new Direct Digital Control system – a program to monitor and control energy use – is 55 percent complete, and that 110 univents in the buildings had required modification because they were not wired to perform their function. "The winter has been rough. There have been some defects in the system and heating coils need to be replaced," he added.

The girls' indoor track team visited the ORR

committee as the new state champions. Dr. Bangs honored their achievement and said, "I've been struck by their sportsmanship. They are not only tremendous athletes, but tremendous teammates." Superintendent White also offered his congratulations.

Business Administrator Katie Isernio reported on behalf of Suzanne Souza, Food Services Director, that the food service program currently is \$5,000 in the black. Also, she said a guest chef prepared veggie burgers and soup on March 7, which was well received at the High School. "The junior high students were a little less adventurous," she said.

The committee approved the regular and executive session minutes for February 9.

A look at the budget followed. Mr. White said the level-funded budget does not reduce staffing positions, although one retiring teacher in the classical and modern language department will not be replaced. The result is that next year there will be 26, not 31, sections in the foreign language department and the class size will increase from 16.1 to 19.2, he said.

Overall, the \$16,598,631 budget reflects a \$6,521 increase in the regular day budget and an increase of \$261,572 in the special education budget. The operations and maintenance budget is increased by \$268,092 or 1.75 percent over the FY 11 budget.

Most increases are tied to contractual obligations, although a new utility plan obtained by Mr. Murphy led



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The budget also incorporates a new computer leasing program, which will stock two junior high labs with 80 Mac computers. The current computers are eight years old. "Every three years there will be an upgrade in the equipment," he said. The initial costs for the lease are \$24,263.

"I appreciate the effort and support of the staff," he said of the budget, which will be presented to the public at 7:00 pm on March 21 in the high school cafeteria.

The board voted to go into Executive Session at 7:45 pm for the purpose of collective bargaining.



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FY 2012 School Budgets Discussed

Mattapoisett School Committee

By Joan Hartnett-Barry

A regular meeting of the Mattapoisett School Committee was called to order by Chairperson Grace Knox on March 14 at 7:10 pm in the Center School cafeteria. Committee members present were Chairwoman Knox, Gerald Johnson, Charles Motta and Joyce Lavoie.

Chairperson Knox opened the meeting with a moment of silence for the people of Japan in their time of grief. The Chairperson's report followed with Ms. Knox thanking Jo Pannell and Ray Andrews for producing the first ORCTV program on behalf of the school committee on the options on repairing the Center School clock. She said that Mr. Andrews hopes to raise the \$70,000 in private funds to restore the clock to its original condition rather than a digital, less expensive repair.

Mr. White presented his report and said that Chapter 70 would be level-funded for fiscal year 2012 and that he expected a 53 to 54 percent reimbursement for regional transportation reimbursement.

Mr. White spoke about a recent conference he attended entitled "Preparing Students for College Career and Citizenship in the 21st Century". He said that overall statistics show that education in Massachusetts has shown significant improvement since the education reform act of 1993, but that there was still a significant number of students dropping out of school. In 2010, he said, there were close to 8,600 students who dropped out of high school in the state. Also, many who did graduate were unprepared for either a two-year or four-year education or the workforce, he said.

The two principals then gave their reports, beginning with Ms. Bowman who said that Center School report cards for the second trimester will be sent home with students on Monday, March 21 and that parent conferences are begin scheduled for Thursday, March 24 and Friday, March 25.

Mr. D'Andrea commented on the recent FORM instrumental concert band performances and the upcoming choral concerts. The Old Hammondtown music program continues to attract students and the schools are

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Suzanne Souza presented her report and said that the recent Dr. Seuss event was a success, with green eggs and ham being served as a lunch option. Meal purchases were up slightly, she said.

Facilities Director Steven Murphy presented his report and said that during the recent school break, all the floors were cleaned. A sprinkler head malfunctioned at Center School recently, dumping 50 gallons of water in a corridor and stairway area, requiring a clean up. Mr. Murphy said the fire department responded quickly and it took an hour to remove the water.

The fiscal year budget for 2012 was discussed in a Powerpoint presentation by Mr. White. The bottom line was a one percent increase in budget from last year, resulting in a \$56,365 increase over last year. The total budget for 2012 is estimated at \$5,692,843 with the Center School budget being projected at \$3,787,937 and Old Hammondtown at \$1,904,905. The major "budget drivers", according to Mr. White, are contractual obligations regarding changes in staffing, step and level increases, retirement and professional development and changes in the delivery of special education services for students.

The minutes from the regular session on February 7, 2011 were accepted.

The Committee voted to adjourn at 10:10 pm.

School Report

Outsmart the SAT!

By Anne Smith

Juniors and seniors attending Old Rochester Regional High School who are planning to take the SAT in the near future should visit the school website to get more information about the upcoming SAT Boot Camp. The Boot Camp, which is presented by the unique Catalyst test preparation company, will be taking place at ORR on Saturday, **April 30**, and Sunday, **May 1**, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on both days. Interested students must enroll in the Boot Camp by visiting Catalyst's website at www.CatalystPrep.com. No walk-in students will be accommodated by the program. Enrollment in the

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If you think you might want to sign up for this SAT Boot Camp, you should go to the ORR homepage and download the flyer for the event, which contains some more information about the seminar, as well as the company's website, email address, and phone number, which you are welcome to call for more information.

Also on the school website is a course description of a new Advanced Placement course that ORR is hoping to run next year. AP Environmental Studies is looking for upperclassmen to enroll this week during the course selection process (which, by the way, needs to be done by this Friday). As the website and as the Program of Studies says, this AP science class requires substantial summer course work, and will, during the school year, feature on and off campus field observations and trips. The teacher of this class will be Ms. Connor.

Parents who have missed the presentation for the Parent Information night are still able to log on to the school website and view the PowerPoint, which has important information about the academic programs at Old Rochester. It's a good time to review this information, since course registration is wrapping up, and shortly students will be able to meet with their guidance counselors to finalize their schedule for next year.

And finally, a word on the spring drama club production of the musical "Chicago". The front office of

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Mattapoisett Landfill Charges

As of March 14, the landfill will be charging for brush. Fees are \$5 to \$10 per load depending on size of loads.

If you have any questions, please call the landfill at 508-758-4355.

Chowder Tasting Contest

The Marion Congregational Church will hold a Chowder Tasting Contest on **March 26** from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the Marion Congregational Church Community Center, behind the Marion General Store parking lot. Come taste and vote for your favorite. Wine and appetizers will also be served. For more information call 508-748-2428.

SkillsUSA Competition

On Friday, **January 28**, the Old Colony Chapter of SkillsUSA held its annual school competition awards ceremony. All winners were recognized and were eligible to compete at the District Conference to be held at Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational High School on March 11, 2011.

The award-winning Tri-Town students are:

- **Welding** – Finalist: Jonathan Brown, Rochester
- **Culinary Arts** – 1st Place: Paul Kelly, Rochester
- **Food and Beverage Service** – 2nd Place: Dion

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• **Technical Drafting** – 1st Place: Jordan Frey, Rochester; 1st Place: Andrew Frey, Rochester

• **Automotive Service Technology** – Finalist: Nathaniel Kessler, Rochester

• **Web Design** – 3rd Place: William Rogers, Rochester; 2nd Place: Geoff Bentz, Rochester



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- **Nail Care** – 2nd Place: Renee Duffy, Rochester
- **Cosmetology (Under 500 hours)** – 2nd Place: Lacey Duval, Rochester

SkillsUSA is a national nonprofit organization serving teachers, high school students and college students who are preparing for careers in trade, technical and skilled service occupations, including health occupations. Helping each student excel, SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled work force. John Mare, Automotive Technology and Steven Miranda, Culinary Arts, serve as Old Colony SkillsUSA advisors.

Cans for Cancer

Donate your bottles and cans to help save lives on **April 9** from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Plumb Corner Parking Lot in Rochester. Donations benefit the Relay for Life.

RYB Opening Day

Rochester Youth Baseball has announced its Opening Day date and if last year's event is any indication, this year's kickoff day should prove to be fun for everyone. Opening Day is set for Saturday, **April 23**. The parade kicks off at 8:30 am, followed by a ceremony

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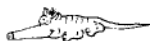
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Last year, RYB's Opening Day ceremonies featured up-and-coming singing star Jillian Zucco singing the National Anthem while a plane flew overhead in tribute to our troops serving our nation.

"Opening Day is a real community celebration.

We have some new surprises in store for this year. I can't wait!" said Mr. Rood.

Women's Networking Event

Women4Women, a non-profit women's networking group, will hold its second annual networking event of the year on Monday, **March 28**, from 5:30 to 8:00 pm at Sippican Café, located at 167 Spring Street in Marion.

Special guest speaker, Paige Roth, CFA, will lead a discussion on "Women and Finances". Complimentary hors d'oeuvres for Women4Women attendees and a cash bar will be available. Attendees are encouraged to RSVP in advance online at: www.Socializr.com/event/251354499.

Women4Women is a networking organization whose primary purpose is to leverage the power and presence of women to promote and support every woman in business, social services and professional practices in the community. First launched in 2007, and reinvigorated in 2010, Women4Women strives to connect women to other women in the local community to support each other's goals and ambitions. If you would like to speak at or provide a venue for a Women4Women network event, please email murphy.sarahw4w@gmail.com or call 508-951-5660.

Call for Birdhouses for Fundraiser

Let your imagination soar! Paint, build, sculpt, throw, carve, photograph – create a birdhouse (or bat house) for the Kukoo Gala Auction, the premier fundraising event for the Boys and Girls Club of Greater New Bedford/Wareham, scheduled to take place on Saturday, **June 18** from 6:00 to 9:00 pm at the Kittansett Club in Marion.

Birdhouses provide a safe haven for our fine-feathered friends just as the Boys and Girls Club provides a nurturing environment for local children. The Kukoo Birdhouse Project will raise much needed funds to support Boys and Girls Club programs and provide the Club with vital resources for after-school study, sports, crafts and general recreation.

While you are building, designing or decorating your birdhouse submission, Boys and Girls Club members are learning about birds (and bats) and avian habitats

throughout the winter and spring, hosting speakers from MASS Audubon and the Wareham Land Trust, building utilitarian birdhouses of their own and constructing and locating bat houses within walking distance of the Wareham Club. Club members learn and your birdhouse will generate important funds to keep the Boys and Girls Club offering its vital community services.

Birdhouse submissions are due by **April 8** to provide ample time for display prior to the Gala Auction. Entry forms can be downloaded at www.kukoobgc.org or by contacting the Club at 508-295-5400. Please return your completed form to: Kukoo, the Boys and Girls Club, 54 Viking Drive, Wareham, MA 02571.

GIRLS for Real Life Science

The Ocean Explorium, with generous support from the Women's Fund of the Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts, presents its third annual speaker series aimed at promoting the "STEM" subjects of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics to girls and young women.

The Girls Interested in Real Life Science (GIRLS) series runs each Thursday in March. Formerly named Women in Science + Engineering (WiSE), the series features inspiring speakers drawn from professions wherein the STEM subjects play a major role.

The series continues with:

- **March 17:** Gina Cerrito, Marine Educator with New England Aquarium
- **March 24:** Faith Ball, Engineer with Lockheed Martin Sippican
- **March 31:** Rhonda Moniz, Dive Safety Instructor

Doors open at 5:00 pm each Thursday in March for refreshments and mingling in the Ocean Explorium before the talks begin at 5:30 pm. This series is free and open to the public thanks to the support of the Women's Fund.

Girls and boys in grades 5 to 12 are encouraged to attend. Students will receive a special pin to indicate attendance at each week's event. The Ocean Explorium is happy to work with local educators so students can earn extra credit.

The Ocean Explorium is located at 174 Union Street in downtown New Bedford and is handicap accessible via the rear entrance. Call 508-994-5400 for after-hours access. For further information, contact Abbey Spargo at aspargo@oceanexplorium.org or 508-994-5400, or visit the Ocean Explorium website at www.OceanExplorium.org.

ORCTV News

• **Free PSA Shoot Days** – Old Rochester Community Television (ORCTV) is offering its spring Public Service Announcement shoot days for local non-profit organizations. The studio will be open **April 4** and

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• **Video Camps** – ORCTV is offering a video production camp to Tri-Town youth. The next camp will run during **April** school vacation. Youth will learn digital camcorders, editing and studio production. Space is limited. The cost is \$100 per child, per session, ages 11-14. Please call ORCTV at 508-748-1600 to sign up or for more information. Price includes snacks, a t- shirt and annual membership.

Project GROW Concert Fundraiser

The Project GROW Parents' Group is excited to announce its annual Toe Jam Puppet Band concert fundraiser being held on Saturday, **March 26** at the Center School Gym in Mattapoisett. The "Green Theme" show will begin at 12:30 pm and last about an hour. A bake sale and a scratch ticket raffle will be being held during the concert. Admission is \$10 per family. All proceeds from this event go directly to the Project GROW Scholarship Fund. Come enjoy a fun-filled afternoon of music, dance and lots of laughs!

For more information, contact the Project GROW Parents' Group via email at ProjectGrowpg@yahoo.com.

Marion Art Center Events

• **"You've Got Hate Mail"** – The Marion Art Center is now taking reservations for off-Broadway play "You've Got Hate Mail", written by Billy Van Zandt and Jane Milmore. Direction is by Nancy Sparklin, with Marion Art Center favorites, Kimberly Teves, Paul Kandarian, Sheila Furtado, Jamie Alves and Jay Ryan. The show opens on Friday, **March 18** and will run on Saturday, **March 19**, Friday, **March 25** and Saturday, **March 26**. Showtime is 8:00 pm. The Marion Art Center is located at the corner of Main and Pleasant Streets in Marion.

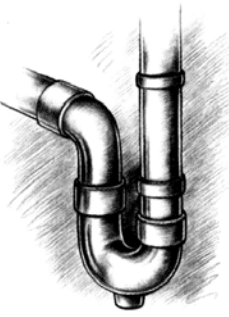
Audiences be warned: this play contains adult language and strong sexual content.

Tickets are \$10 for MAC members and \$12.50 general admission. Audience goers are invited to bring their own refreshments. Tables are available for reserved parties of four or more. Reservations are strongly recommended: 508-748-1266.

The gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday, 1:00 to 5:00 pm and Saturdays, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm and by appointment by calling 508-748-1266. The Marion Art Center is located at the corner of Main and Pleasant Streets in Marion, Massachusetts. Admission is free.

Mattapoisett Women's Club Meeting

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Porch". She will be discussing container gardening and organic methods, as well as answering questions related to which flower to plant where. Joanne has extensive experience working at nurseries and garden centers. She has also taught classes in gardening and landscaping.

The meeting takes place at Reynard Hall, at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church, 27 Church Street, Mattapoisett, and will include light sandwiches, dessert, tea and coffee.

Friends of the Elderly News

• **St. Patrick's Day Party** – Mark your calendar for the Annual St. Patrick's Day Luncheon hosted by the

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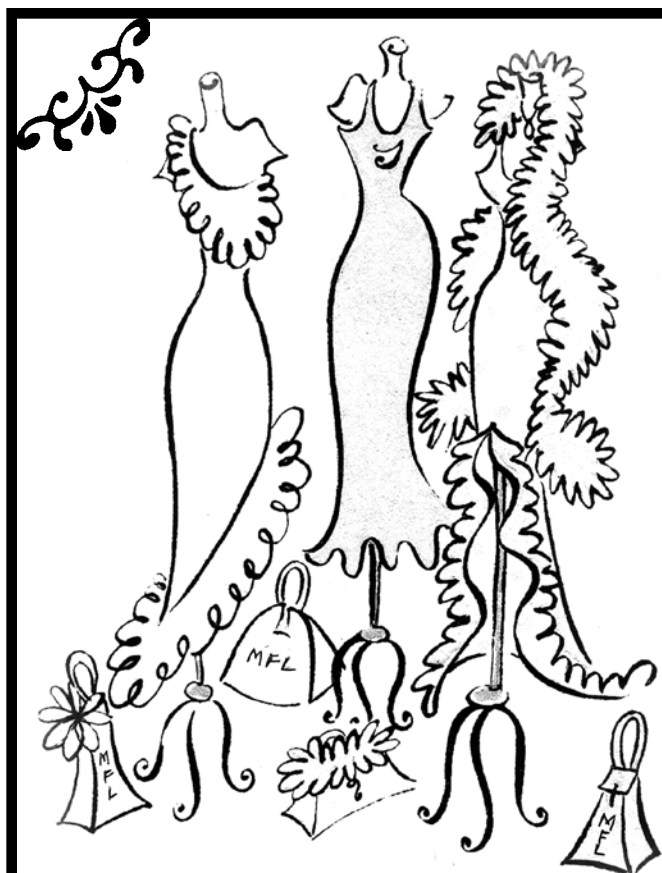
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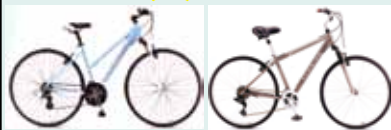
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Mattapoisett Friends of the Elderly. This free event takes place on Thursday, **March 17** at 12:00 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Route 6. Free tickets are available at the Mattapoisett Council on Aging. Transportation can also be reserved through the COA. For more information, contact the Council on Aging, 508-758-4110.

• **Free Film Showing** – Friends of the Elderly will host the film, *Secretariat* on **March 29** at 12:00 pm at the Mattapoisett Council on Aging. The film details the life of Secretariat, the racehorse who won the 1973 Triple Crown of Thoroughbred Racing, and stars Diane Lane and John Malkovich. Pizza is available for \$2. Pizza requests must be paid by 3:00 pm on Monday, March 28. Please RSVP attendance with the Council on Aging, either in person or

by calling 508-758-4110.

Rochester Country Fair Fundraiser

The 1960's themed Rochester Country Fair's annual dinner dance fundraiser will be held on Saturday, **April 2**. Tickets are on sale now. Guests are encouraged to dress in groovy '60's attire or perhaps wear clothes representing some of their favorite actors or music legends of the time.

The 1960's themed dinner dance will take place at the Redmen Hall, located at 758 Main Street in Wareham, on Saturday, April 2. A stuffed chicken breast dinner will be served at 7:00 pm. Music by "The Relics" will begin at 8:00 pm. The evening will include raffles, but mostly lots of bellbottoms, John Lennon glasses and hippie wigs.

Tickets are \$18 each, while supplies last, and must be purchased in advance at either Bev Loves Books located in Rochester's Plumb Corner Mall or at The Ponderosa located on Route 105 on the Acushnet/Rochester Line.

Raffle items are needed. Please contact Bev at 508-763-5503 for additional event information or visit on the web at www.RochesterMA.com.

Maconchu Club Hosts Thriller Author

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Join the Maconchu Club at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church hall for the program at 7:00 pm and refreshments afterwards.

Mural Restoration Presentation

Twenty months ago, the Mattapoisett Historical Society and Museum received a gift of a large mural entitled "A Chart of the Whale Coast of New England" painted by Clifford Ashley in 1919. Currently, the mural is undergoing extensive restoration by Gianfranco Pocobene in his Boston studio.

The public is invited to a program on **April 10**, 2:00 pm to hear Mr. Pocobene talk about the many steps involved in the restoration process. Using a number of pictures during his presentation, he will show how this chart, measuring 6 feet by 16 feet, has been brought back to its original splendor.

Mr. Pocobene is known nationally for his restoration work and is revered as an authority in the field. His recent projects include the Sargent mural in the Boston Public Library and the murals in the Trinity Church Tower in Boston. He received his training at Queen's and McMaster Universities in Ontario, Canada

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The program will be held at the Mattapoisett Museum, 5 Church Street, on Sunday, April 10 at 2:00 pm.

Tri-Town Community Talent Show

The Friends of Old Rochester Music (FORM) volunteer group is planning a community talent show to be held **April 29** at the Old Rochester Regional Senior High School. If you live in the Tri-Town area and love to perform, please contact Friends of Old Rochester Music



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for an audition application. Entertainers of all ages are encouraged to audition for the family-oriented show. Audition applications may be obtained by downloading an entry form at www.FORM02739.org. Applications are also available by emailing a request to FORM02739@yahoo.com or by calling FORM President Darryl Gifford at 508-763-3624. Funds raised from the talent show will be used to support the music programs of Old Rochester Regional Junior and Senior High Schools.

Showstoppers Performing Arts Camp

Registrations are now being accepted for Showstoppers' 7th Annual Performing Arts Camp for boys and girls in grades 2 to 8, **April 18-22**, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm daily, at the Knights Of Columbus Hall, Route 6 in Mattapoisett. A musical theater showcase will be presented to the public at 7:00 pm on Friday, **April 22**. Registration costs \$175 per child and includes performance CD, tee shirt, daily snacks and certificate of completion. Limited need-based scholarships are available.

For more information or to register, call 508-758-4525 or email info@showstoppers.us.

Unitarian Church Blood Drive

Roll up your sleeves and join us in giving the gift of life. On **March 28**, a community blood drive will be held at the Unitarian Memorial Church, which is located at 102 Green Street Fairhaven from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The church is wheelchair accessible.

This blood drive is a cooperative effort between the American Red Cross, George H. Taber Masonic Lodge, and the Unitarian Memorial Church in Fairhaven to collect blood for those in need of transfusions. Every two seconds, someone in the United States needs blood and each pint that is donated could save up to three lives. In return for donating a pint of blood, donors will receive a coupon for a free lunch.

The American Red Cross has been a primary supplier of lifesaving blood products in the United States for more than 50 years. They donate approximately 3,000 units of blood each day just to meet the basic needs of area patients. Individuals who are at least 17 years of age (16 with parental permission), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements. The state of Massachusetts allows those who are 16 years of age to donate blood with parental consent. Please bring your Red Cross blood donor card or other form of positive ID when you come to donate. If you would like to schedule an appointment to donate, please call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit www.redcrossblood.org.

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ORR Drama Club Performs "Chicago"

"Chicago", the musical, will be performed by the Old Rochester Regional High School (ORR) Drama Club from **March 31 to April 2** at 7:30 pm and **April 3** at 2:00 pm in the ORR High School Auditorium.

"Chicago", the 1976 Tony Award winning musical by Fred Ebb and Bob Fosse with music by John Kander and lyrics by Fred Ebb, is a musical based on the play by Maurine Dallas Watkins. "Chicago" tells the story of Velma Kelly and Roxie Hart who, after killing their male partners, find themselves on death row together fighting for the fame that will keep them from the gallows in 1920's Chicago. Nothing says dark, dazzling, or homicidal housewife like "Chicago".

The ninety-member cast for Chicago, includes junior – **Becca Bastarache** as Mama Morton, senior **Emily Bungert** as Velma Kelly, senior **Holly Cardoza** as Roxie Hart, senior **Stephen Lacombe** as Amos Hart, senior **Benjamin Resendes** as Billy Flynn, and freshman **S. Roy** as Mary Sunshine

The production is directed by Paul Sardinha, costumes by Helen Blake, choreographed by Wendy Hall, and with orchestral direction by Amanda Fillio.

Chicago will be presented in the Guilbert D. Bristol Auditorium at the Old Rochester Regional High School. Tickets are \$12 for students and seniors and \$15 for adults, and are available at The Pen and Pendulum in Mattapoisett, The Marion General Store in Marion, Plumb

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Obituaries

Horace William Fleming of Marion, Mass. died peacefully on March 5th 2011 of natural causes. He was 88 years old.

He was the son of Walter Judson and Ethel Standley Fleming of Worcester, Mass. He is survived by his beloved wife of 65 years, Norma Edgehill Fleming of Marion, his two sons and their wives, W. Jefferies and Sandra Allen Fleming, and Steven B. and Anne Dennison Fleming, all of Duxbury, Mass., four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Born in Worcester, Mass. in 1922, Bill graduated from Virginia Tech in 1947 after serving honorably in the Marine Corps during World War II. He served again in the Corps during the Korean Conflict.

After a successful career in sales, Bill semi-retired to work in his passion for the ocean, buying the Aucoot Cove Boatyard and subsequently Bete-Fleming, Inc., a marine components manufacturer.

As an avid sailor, member of the Beverly Yacht Club, and cross-country skier, Bill loved the outdoors. He especially loved cruising the coast of Maine. Bill was an accomplished photographer as well as a skilled woodworker, building furniture, boat accessories, and half models.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 am on April 2, 2011 at the First Congregational Church, 28 Main St., Marion. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the Salvation Army at 1187 Columbus Ave, Boston, MA 02116.

Pamela Lauren Peck, of Rochester, MA, passed away with her family by her side on March 11, 2011 after a long illness. Daughter of Patricia Sethares of Hyannis and the late Paul Sethares, wife of Leighton F. Peck Jr. of Middleboro, mother of Christopher Peck and his wife Allison of Rochester, MA, Sarah Foley and her husband Wayne of Rochester, MA, and Jeremy Peck and his wife Alyssa of Wareham, MA. Sister of Stephen Sethares and his wife Betsey of Hyannis. She also leaves four grandchildren, Kaitlin, Nathan, Andrew and Connor.

Pamela was born in Hyannis in 1948, she graduated from Barnstable High School in 1966. She graduated from Bay Path College and moved to Washington, DC where she worked for the FBI. She also was a legal secretary for several Cape Cod area attorneys for many years.

A funeral service will be held on Friday March 18, 2011 in St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, Main St. Falmouth at 10AM. Burial will follow in Mosswood Cemetery in Cotuit. Visiting hours will be in the John-Lawrence Funeral Home, 3778 Falmouth Rd.(Rte28) Marstons Mills, MA on Thursday from 4-7PM. Memorials in Pamela's memory may be made to Huntington's Disease Society of America - New England(HDSA-NE) 6 Boston Rd., Suite 203A, Chelmsford, MA 01824. www.hdsa-ne.org

LOCAL CABLE PROGRAMMING



PUBLIC ACCESS Comcast Channel 9 Verizon Channel 36

Sunday Mar. 20, 2011

6:30 AM - Words of Peace
7:00 AM - Second Coming Church
8:00 AM - New Testament Church of Cedarville
9:00 AM - Music and the Spoken Word
9:30 AM - The First Congregational Church of Rochester
11:00 AM - Physician Focus
11:30 AM - White House Chronicle
Noon - The Register's Report
12:30 PM - The Tri-Town Business Association Show
1:00 PM - Community Nurse and Hospice's - House Calls
1:30 PM - Navigating the Way for Seniors
2:00 PM - Music and the Spoken Word
2:30 PM - The First Congregational Church of Rochester
4:00 PM - New Testament Church of Cedarville
5:00 PM - Words of Peace
5:30 PM - Veterans Story
7:00 PM - The Tri-Town Business Association Show
7:30 PM - The Mattapoisett School Committee Show
8:00 PM - The Sippican Historical Society Presents
9:30 PM - Dartmouth Community Medical School
Midnight - Midnight Movie

Monday Mar. 21, 2011

8:00 AM - Growing Old is Not for Sissies
8:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
9:00 AM - The Future of Fishing
11:00 AM - Senior Stretch
11:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
Noon - Midday Movie
2:00 PM - Robbi Around Town
3:00 PM - Words of Peace
4:00 PM - Earth Focus

4:30 PM - Explore
5:00 PM - Reeling - The Movie Review Show
5:30 PM - Around BCC
6:00 PM - Become Your Own Gym
7:00 PM - Your Daily Gumbo
9:00 PM - White House Chronicle
9:30 PM - Army Newswatch
10:00 PM - Smart Boating
10:30 PM - Life Matters
11:00 PM - The David Pakman Show
Midnight - Midnight Movie

Tuesday Mar. 22, 2011

8:00 AM - Navigating the Way for Seniors
8:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
9:00 AM - Graceful Aging
9:30 AM - ORCTV's Non Profit Highlights
10:00 AM - Senior Scene
10:30 AM - The Tri-Town Business Association Show
11:00 AM - Senior Stretch
11:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
Noon - Midday Movie
3:00 PM - Marion Alternative Energy Committee
5:30 PM - Graceful Aging
6:30 PM - The Dr. Is In
7:00 PM - Homefront
7:25 PM - ORCTV's Nonprofit Highlights
8:00 PM - Upper Cape Tech Presents - Careers
8:30 PM - The Tri-Town Business Association Show
9:00 PM - Robbi Around Town
10:00 PM - Community Nurse and Hospice's - House Calls
10:30 PM - Physician Focus
Midnight - Midnight Mausoleum

Wednesday Mar. 23, 2011

8:00 AM - Second Act
8:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
9:00 AM - Gardening Rhythms
10:00 AM - Cooking with Marie

10:30 AM - Living Healthy - with Jackie Bell
11:00 AM - Senior Stretch
11:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
Noon - Midday Movie
2:00 PM - The Mattapoisett School Committee Show
3:00 PM - Sci-Fi Journal
4:00 PM - The David Pakman Show
5:00 PM - Neighbor to Neighbor with Don Cuddy
6:00 PM - Become Your Own Gym
8:00 PM - The David Pakman Show
9:00 PM - The Register's Report
10:00 PM - Future Talk
10:30 PM - Life Matters
11:00 PM - 30 Odd Minutes
Midnight - Midnight Movie
1:30 AM - Sci-Fi Journal

Thursday Mar. 24, 2011

8:00 AM - Navigating the Way for Seniors
8:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
9:00 AM - The Register's Report
10:00 AM - NASA 360
10:30 AM - Oven Luv'n with Chef Melissa
11:00 AM - Senior Stretch
11:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
Noon - Midday Movie
2:00 PM - Neighbor to Neighbor with Don Cuddy
3:30 PM - ORCTV's Nonprofit Highlights
4:00 PM - Your Daily Gumbo
6:00 PM - Robbi Around Town
6:30 PM - Inside ORCTV
7:00 PM - Reeling - The Movie Review Show
7:30 PM - The Cooking Hour
8:30 PM - The Jazz Room Live
9:00 PM - Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
11:00 PM - Music Hour
Midnight - Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
2:00 AM - Midnight Mausoleum

Friday Mar. 25, 2011

8:00 AM - ORCTV's Nonprofit Highlights
8:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
9:00 AM - Gardening Rhythms
10:00 AM - Cooking with Marie
10:30 AM - Living Healthy - with Jackie Bell
11:00 AM - Senior Stretch
11:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
Noon - Midday Movie
5:00 PM - Explore
5:30 PM - Earth Focus
6:00 PM - The Tri-Town Business Association Show
6:30 PM - Navigating the Way for Seniors
7:00 PM - Second Act
8:00 PM - Around BCC
10:00 PM - Community Nurse and Hospice's - House Calls
10:30 PM - ORCTV's Nonprofit Highlights
11:00 PM - 30 Odd Minutes
11:30 PM - The Steve Katsos Show
Midnight - Friday Night at the Drive-In - Midnight Movies

Saturday Mar. 26, 2011

7:00 AM - Classic Cartoon Festival
10:00 AM - Robbi Around Town
11:00 AM - NASA 360
11:30 AM - Oven Luv'n with Chef Melissa
Noon - U-Mass Dartmouth Winter Sports
2:00 PM - Around BCC
2:30 PM - 30 Odd Minutes
3:00 PM - Neighbor to Neighbor with Don Cuddy
4:00 PM - Marion Alternative Energy Committee
6:30 PM - Upper Cape Tech Careers
7:00 PM - Reeling - The Movie Review Show
7:30 PM - The Cooking Hour
8:30 PM - The Jazz Room Live
9:00 PM - Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
11:00 PM - Music Hour
Midnight - Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
2:00 AM - The Dungeon of Dreck

MARION GOVERNMENT Comcast Channel 95 Verizon Channel 39

Daily Schedule

8:00 AM - Marion School Committee
11:00 PM - Latest Planning Board Meeting
1:00 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
4:00 PM - Marion School Committee
6:30 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
8:30 PM - Latest Planning Board Meeting

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT Comcast Channel 95 Verizon Channel 40

Daily Schedule

8:00 AM - Rochester School Committee
11:00 AM - Latest Planning Board Meeting
1:00 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
4:00 PM - Rochester School Committee
6:30 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
8:30 PM - Latest Planning Board Meeting

EDUCATION CHANNEL Comcast Channel 18 Verizon Channel 37

Daily Schedule

8:00 AM - Upper Cape Tech Presents - Careers
8:30 PM - The Mattapoisett School Committee Show
9:00 AM - ORRHHS Boys Basketball
10:30 AM - RMS - Readin', Ritin' & Rockin' 2010
11:30 - MEFA Preparing for College
2:00 PM - Robbi Around Town
5:00 PM - Upper Cape Tech Presents - Careers
7:00 PM - MEFA Preparing for College
8:30 PM - The Mattapoisett School Committee Show
9:00 PM - ORRHHS - Video Production Class Projects
9:30 PM - Robbi Around Town

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Commuter Rail Project Presentation

Nancy Durfee, Senior Comprehensive Planner for the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) will be the keynote speaker at the Mattapoisett Democratic Town Committee on **March 19** at 10:30 am at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow Street, Mattapoisett.

Ms. Durfee will discuss the Southeastern

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Massachusetts Commuter Rail project. She will discuss land use planning as well as educate the public on smart growth and what it means for the SouthCoast.

Everyone in the Tri-Town and surrounding communities are invited to attend this enlightening and informative presentation. A question and answer period will follow.

For more information please contact: Eileen Marum, chairwoman, Mattapoisett Democratic Town Committee, 508-758-9751.

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EDITOR'S PICK OF THE WEEK

The Moderate Parent

Cake and Chaos

By Anne Kakley

Scene: An average family home, festooned with garlands and balloons. A child – four years old – arrives in a tutu and some great expectations. Within the course of the next two hours, she will have a storytime, games, pizza, cake, toys and



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friends. It's overstimulation central. And when the party's all over, she's probably going to throw a temper tantrum. End scene.

Thus begins my fourth adventure in party planning for my daughter, Hazel. It's another year, and another chance to answer the question – how much party is too much? What is within the realm of “normal” for a birthday party?

If you are the kid, there is no such thing as “too much”. So far, Hazel has requested the following for her birthday party:

- Two unicorns.
- 500 (or so) balloons.
- Three different cakes – a Hello Kitty one, a caterpillar one and a Berenstain Bears one.

I can make this happen... right?

Think back to the birthday party of your childhood – it consisted of a simple sheet cake from the supermarket, some pointy hats, freeze tag and small grab bags of penny candy. There were no themes. Typically, no one rented a hall, but we might all meet at the bowling alley for a couple rounds of bumper bowling. That was about it.

Nowadays, it's an all-out extravaganza in Hollywood. For daughter Suri's fourth birthday party, Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes reportedly spent \$100,000.

That extravagance is carrying over into Middle Class, USA, with the expectation of recreating Hollywood magic on a considerably smaller budget. Travelling petting zoos, hired help, catering – there is even a California-based company called “Cindy Cinderella Carriages” that rents horse-drawn carriages for princess-themed birthday parties.

In an op-ed for the New York Daily News, columnist Denis Hamill calls extravagant children's parties “monstrosities of conspicuous spending”. But I think – I hope, at least – the parents' intentions are good.

They want to make their kids feel extra special for one glorious day. But unfortunately, the bills add up, and the bar is raised a little higher for future parties.

For Mattapoissett native Heather Leclair-Perez, both “budget” and “magic” were in mind when she planned her son's first birthday party last year. “My mother created a magical day for both my brother and I when our birthdays came around,” said Ms. Leclair-Perez. “I remember my Strawberry Shortcake party in particular – I had a cake that was decorated to look just like her. All of my friends from school and all of the neighborhood kids and parents would come and we'd play games, red rover, pin the tail on the donkey, freeze dance.”

For her son, Ms. Leclair-Perez wanted to recreate the magic she felt in her childhood, but stick to a budget. She rented a bounce house – with a coupon – and she made her son's birthday cake. “One of our challenges was budgeting,” she said. “I made [my son's] cake in order to save money, but it would have been much easier and less time consuming to purchase one.” But like most parents, Ms. Leclair-Perez saw the task as a labor of love. “I truly enjoyed creating the goody bags for each of the kids,” she added.

This year, Hazel and I have decided on a storybook theme for her party. Her favorite storybook is *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle, so we decided on a caterpillar cake and a storytime.

I didn't think I would succumb to the birthday craze. I thought I could keep a party simple. And then it happened – I started obsessing about theme. How could I work the caterpillar into every facet of the party? Should I make a caterpillar out of balloons for the fireplace mantel too? How about the food? Caterpillar pencils? I found caterpillar cups and bowls and plates that were \$4 more – *per package* – than Chinetti. And the pointy hats! I could special order caterpillar party hats!

I started researching all the different ways I could make my dream caterpillar party come true. Wait – did I say *my* party? Oops. I meant... my daughter's party.

So reluctantly, I abandoned the notion of caterpillar everything. Yes, the cake will still be a caterpillar. The kids will all get a small stuffed caterpillar as a favor, but that's it. I am getting plain, sensible plates and cups and hats for the kiddos. They will retreat to the backyard and run around until they fall apart from lack of naptime. And big party or not, my daughter is probably going to throw a tantrum at some point. I'd rather that tantrum come with a \$100 price tag and not a \$1,000 one. Right?

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Tickets are Adults \$10, Students \$5, Children 12 and under are free. Tickets are available at the Bookstall in Marion, The Symphony Music Shop in Dartmouth, and at www.TriCountySymphonicBand.org. Any remaining tickets will be sold at the door.

Rochester Rabies Clinic

A rabies clinic will be held at 205 Grange Hall on Hartley Road in Rochester on Sunday, **March 28** from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Shots are \$10 each.

Contact Anne Estabrook, ACO at 508-649-9813 with any questions.

Mark Twain Comedy Fundraiser

"The Diaries of Adam and Eve" will be staged by local thespians on **April 1** at 6:00 pm at the First Congregational Church Community Center in Marion. The staged reading features the acting couple of Kimberly and Ric Teves and will be preceded by a special dinner provided by volunteers of the church.

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TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



Above: The cast of "Man in the Mirror" rehearse for a March 19, 2011 and March 20, 2011 production at The Alley Theatre. Marion resident Abby Wheeler will perform in this Middleboro production. Photo courtesy of The Burt Wood School of the Performing Arts.

Above Right & Right: The Marion Natural History Museum's after-school program featured "Rockets" with Dr. Dills of the UMass Dartmouth Chemistry Department on March 2, 2011. The participants had fun constructing the nose-cones and adding weight, attaching fins, and decorating their rockets for launch. Many flew 100 feet or more! Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Leidhold.



Tina Jackson unloads the day's catch. Ms. Jackson will share her experiences as a woman working in the commercial fishing industry following the film *Shipping Out: The Story of American's Seafaring Women* on March 18, 2011 at the Corson Maritime Learning Center, located at 33 William Street in downtown New Bedford. The program is free to the public. Photo courtesy of Laura Orleans.



Valerie and Nick Wisniewski from Walnut Hill Tracking and Nature Center presented an informative slide show at The Marion Natural History Museum on March 12, 2011. The group then went for a walk at Washburn Park in Marion and pointed out several animal tracks. Photo by Felix Perez.

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revised and merged together, "The Diaries" provide a good sample of Twain's wry wit and his humorously accurate observations on the human condition. Set in the Garden of Eden during the first days of Creation, Twain's play reveals the innermost thoughts that Adam and Eve might have had during their first days. Director Wendy Bidstrup warns, "Don't expect traditional Bible study teaching here and prepare for some unexpected, amusing surprises!"

The dinner-theater production of "The Diaries of Adam and Eve" will raise funds to support the First Congregational Church's annual Cantata Sunday, which assembles an area-wide group of singers and instrumentalists during the Christmas season to perform a major choral liturgical composition under the direction of FCC Choir Director Cassandra Morgan.

Tickets for the dinner and theater evening cost \$25 and may be purchased at the Marion General Store, The Bookstall, and at the First Congregational Church Office in the Community Center (back of the General Store parking lot). For more information and reservations, call the Church Office at 508-748-1053. The Community Center is handicapped accessible.

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***Battle Los Angeles*. Starring Aaron Eckhart and Michelle Rodriguez. Directed by Jonathan Liebesman. Running time: 116 minutes. MPAA rating: PG-13.**

It's only terrible timing, I suppose, that gave us an apocalyptic destruction movie on the same weekend we were seeing the real, horrific thing on the news. We don't need an attack by aliens hunting for water; an 8.9 earthquake is sufficient, thanks. The images and sounds coming out of Japan put anything in *Battle Los Angeles* to shame. We saw, via helicopter cameras, a gargantuan blob of mud and sea water smothering everything in its path — cars, houses, people. In a way, if you saw that in a movie your eyes would probably reject it as fake. It's implausibly monstrous, like something out of Lovecraft. In *Battle Los Angeles*, what we see is the usual tidy art-directed rubble of movie disaster. It lacks the incomprehensible chill and randomness of the thing itself.

Not that *Battle Los Angeles* wants to be a starkly realistic meditation on mass death. I mean, it's about *aliens*. It has been directed by Jonathan Liebesman as if it were a standard-issue war flick, the difference being that the enemy is extraterrestrial. We follow one Marine unit, composed of mostly interchangeable stereotypes, as they make their way through E.T.-torn Los Angeles to find survivors at a police station. The style is ripped off from — sorry, I mean *inspired by* — the you-are-there whip-pan over-edited sweatbox style of Ridley Scott's *Black Hawk Down*. I can say this much for *Battle Los Angeles* over *Black Hawk Down*: At least here, when the enemy is presented as inhuman, unstoppable death machines, there's no guilt involved. We're not cheering the slaughter of Somalis; they're just terminators.

There are some half-hearted stabs at drama. Staff Sergeant Nantz (Aaron Eckhart), who's about to retire before the aliens strike, is assigned to a unit containing the resentful brother of a soldier who died on one of Nantz's previous missions. So Nantz defers to the orders of a green 2nd Lieutenant (Ramon Rodriguez), who mostly doesn't know what the hell he's doing. Then again, neither does anyone else — it's not as if this has happened before. The strategy seems to be: shoot at the aliens a lot. Eventually, Nantz grabs a wounded alien and,

in a particularly queasy sequence, keeps stabbing it and roughly dissecting it until he figures out what will kill it.

I kind of felt sorry for the alien, who might've been some grunt beloved on his home planet by his alien wife and alien kids, trying to survive this mission and get some darn water. You might remember that David Bowie's alien in *The Man Who Fell to Earth* also came here in search of our life-giving liquid; he ended up a drunken recluse, and maybe if the aliens in *Battle Los Angeles* had chosen a more peaceful approach they, too, might've succumbed to a draining ennui. Perhaps being blown up by a few motivated Marines is a nobler way to go — a Viking funeral rather than measuring out their lives with coffee spoons.

Anyway, the dwindling unit, joined at one point by the rapidly typecast Michelle Rodriguez (who's funny enough in interviews that I'd like to see her in a comedy every so often instead of hefting ordnance forever), finds a few survivors and has to get them to a certain checkpoint before the Air Force bombs the area. This creates an almost-literal ticking-bomb tension that turns out to go absolutely nowhere. Between the disorienting jiggly-cam and the dreary rubbled disasterscape, *Battle Los Angeles* is visually obnoxious and swiftly falls into a redundant march — how many times can we watch Marines taking cover and returning fire at barely glimpsed aliens before our eyes glaze over? There are some feints at levity, but nothing in the movie is funnier than the first reel's hapless attempt to set up the soldiers as real people — we see one Marine kissing his wife's pregnant belly goodbye, and I never could remember which one he *was*. Say what you will about James Cameron, but he's good at this stuff, and his *Aliens* remains the pinnacle of the extraterrestrial combat subgenre. I remember ol' Hicks and Hudson and Vasquez (the proto-Michelle Rodriguez) and of course Ripley more vividly after 25 years than I remember, two hours after seeing *Battle Los Angeles*, Staff Sergeant Nantz and ... the rookie guy and ... jeez, what *were* their names?



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Registration costs are \$1100 per boat plus \$50 per crew member. For more information about the race or to register, visit: MarionBermuda.com.

Songs of Beauty, Love and Nature

The Sippican Choral Society will present its annual Spring Concert on Friday, **April 29** and Saturday, **April 30** at St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church, 124 Front Street, Marion. Under the direction of Brian Roderick and accompanied by pianist Michelle Gordon and three guest soloists, seventy plus voices will perform pieces celebrating love, nature, and the beauty of spring. Selections by Hayden, Mozart, Rutter and Dickau will be featured. The Sippican Choral Society Chamber Choir will also perform.

Tickets cost \$12 for adults, \$6 for students and are available at The Bookstall in Marion, Seaport Village Shoppe in Mattapoisett, and Baker Books in Dartmouth. Tickets will also be available at the door. For more information, visit: www.SippicanChoral.org.

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Past scout activities have included multiple campouts at Camp Hadley, Battleship Cove and Carabiners, Pinewood Derby races and more. Future dates include a spring campout at Camp Hadley, a Soapbox Derby and Scout Olympic Games. Being a boy scout means earning badges, pins and ranks, games, activities, camping, hiking, arts and crafts, leadership opportunities and much more.

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MARION

Log highlights Mar 6-March 12

- County Rd – Drug violations/in progress
- Point Rd – Motor vehicle stop
- Allen's Point Rd – Fire alarm
- Point Rd – vandalism/past
- Wareham Rd – Fire alarm
- Wareham Rd – MVA/property
- Marconi Ln – Medical emergency
- Moorings Rd – Fire alarm
- Atlantis Dr – Medical emergency
- Converse Rd – General service
- Main St – Parking violation
- County Rd – Burglar alarm
- Tucker Ln – Suspicious motor vehicle
- Point Rd – Animal complaint
- Mill St – Suspicious person
- School St – Parking violation
- Point Rd – Health/welfare
- Water St – Burglar alarm
- Jenney Ln – Motor vehicle stop
- Cross Neck Rd – Suspicious activity
- Delano Rd – Vandalism/past
- Spring St – Parking violation
- Front St – DMV
- County Rd – Motor vehicle stop/arrest
- Front St – Explosion
- Nokomis Rd – Health/welfare
- Wildflower Ln – General service
- 195 West – Motor vehicle stop
- Front St – Animal complaint
- Zora Ln – Parking violation

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights March 6-March 12

- County Rd – MV crash/hit & run
- Hi-Ona-Hill – Officer wanted
- River Rd – Suspicious motor vehicle
- Church St – Health/welfare
- North St – Motor vehicle violations
- Grand View Ave – Fire, other
- Industrial Dr – General service
- Marion Rd – MV violations
- Park St – Animal control
- Homestead Ct- Vandalism
- Tobey Ln – Health/welfare
- North St – Disabled MV
- Beaver Path – Alarm, burglar
- Marion Rd – MV violations
- Randall Rd – Ambulance request
- Chapel Rd – Generals service
- Driscoll Ln – Animal control
- Lil's Way – Ambulance request
- Bay Rd – General service
- Maplewood St – MV violations
- Shaw St – Ambulance request
- 1195 west – Disabled MV
- North St – Animal control
- Church St – Health welfare
- Prospect Rd – Safety/road hazard
- Holly Woods Dr – Alarm, burglar
- Hubbard's Way – Ambulance request
- Acushnet Rd – MV crash
- Fairhaven Rd – Alarm, burglar
- Cedarcrest Ave – Ambulance request

ROCHESTER

Log highlights March 7-March 13

- North Ave – Radar assignment
- Neck Rd – Utilities
- New Bedford Rd – Animal control
- Woodland Rd – Animal control
- Braley Hill Rd – Message delivery
- Foss Farm Rd – Domestic disturbance
- Bassett St – Utilities
- Hartley Rd – Ambulance request
- Braley Hill Rd – Serve summons
- Snipatuit Rd – Domestic disturbance
- Cushman Rd – Suspicious person
- Walnut Plain Rd – Animal control
- Pine St – Alarm, fire
- Clapp Rd – 911 accidental
- Cushman Rd – Ambulance request
- Mattapoisett Rd – Motor vehicle stop
- Bowens Ln – Animal control
- Woodland Ave – Suspicious MV
- Dexter Ln – Vandalism
- Neck Rd – Officer wanted
- High St – Assault
- County Rd – Motor vehicle stop/arrest
- Bishop Rd – Suspicious MV
- Neck Rd – Alarm, burglar
- Rte 105 – Information only
- Marion Rd – Highway matter
- Neck Rd – Motor vehicle stop
- Union Church Terr – Fire, other
- Hartley Rd – Fire alarm box detail
- High St – Motor vehicle stop



REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday March 21: Spaghetti w/ tomato meat sauce, Italian blend veg, multigrain roll, fresh fruit
 Tuesday March 22: Macaroni & cheese, escalloped tomatoes, whole wheat roll, peaches
 Wednesday March 23: Vegetable noodle soup, savory baked chicken, Florentine rice, dinner roll, cherry turnover, diet: Graham waffle
 Thursday March 24: Meatloaf w/ mushroom gravy, whipped potatoes, country blend veg, sliced bread, pudding, diet: pudding
 Friday March 25: Lemon butter scallops, parsley whipped potato, green beans, wheat bread, orange artice ice, Diet: mixed fruit

MATTAPOISETT ELEMENTARY CENTER

Monday March 21: Chicken tenders, french fries, vegetables, milk
 Tuesday March 22: Taco with all the fixings, rice, fruit, choice of milk
 Wednesday March 23: Spaghetti w/meatballs, vegetable, roll, fruit, choice of milk

Thursday March 24: Early release- French toast sticks, lite sausage, hash brown, choice of fruit and milk
 Friday March 25: Early release-Our Pizza, vegetable, choice of fruit and milk

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday March 21: Chicken tenders, French fries, vegetable, choice of fruit and milk
 Tuesday March 22: Nachos with chili with all the fixings, choice of milk and fruit
 Wednesday March 23: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, vegetable, roll, choice of milk and fruit
 Thursday March 24: Early release: French toast sticks, lite sausage, hash brown, choice of milk and fruit
 Friday March 25: Early release: Our pizza, vegetable, salad, choice of fruit and milk

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday March 21: KFC like chicken, mashed potato, gravy, stuffing, vegetable, fruit, roll, choice of milk
 Tuesday March 22: French toast,

sausage, hash brown, warm spiced apples, choice of milk
 Wednesday March 23: Spaghetti, meat sauce, vegetable, warm garlic bread, fruit, choice of milk
 Thursday March 24: Chicken tenders, fries, breaded green beans, fruit, choice of milk
 Friday March 25: Beef, cheese or, chicken quesadilla, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday March 21: Chicken tenders, French fries, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
 Tuesday March 22: nachos with chili with all the fixings, fruit, choice of milk
 Wednesday March 23: Our pizza, vegetable, salad, choice of milk
 Thursday March 24: Early release, no lunch served
 Friday March 25: Early release, no lunch served

SIPPICAN SCHOOL, MARION

Monday March 21: Chicken tenders, French fries, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk

Tuesday March 22: Nachos with chili with all the fixings, fruit, choice of milk
 Wednesday March 23: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, vegetable, roll, fruit, choice of milk
 Thursday March 24: French toast, sticks, lite sausage, hash browns, choice of milk, choice of fruit
 Friday March 25: Our pizza, vegetable, salad, choice of fruit and milk

OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOCATIONAL HIGH

Monday March 21: Chicken nuggets or chicken patty, fries, carrots, pears
 Tuesday March 22: Quesadillas, rice, salsa, sour cream, corn, black beans, apples
 Wednesday March 23: Egg sandwich, hash browns, fruit
 Thursday March 24: Spaghetti & meatballs, green beans, bread, mixed fruit
 Friday March 25: Pizza, salad, fruit

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From the Rochester Town Clerk

• **Annual Town Election** – The Annual Town Election for the town of Rochester will be held on the Second Wednesday in April, which is **April 13**. The last day to register to vote for the April 13 election will be **March 24**. The office will be open from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm on March 24 for voter registration.

• **Dog Licenses** – The 2011 dog license period has begun. This is a reminder that it is time to come in and license your dog at the office of the Town Clerk. The fee is \$7 for a neutered or spayed dog, or \$10 for an un-neutered or un-spayed dog. Failure to license your dog by July 1 shall result in a \$25 fine per dog. Owners may also be subject to legal action. Massachusetts Law requires proof of rabies vaccination at time of licensing so please bring it with you.

Gateway Babe Ruth Baseball

Gateway Babe Ruth is now accepting registrations for the 2011 Baseball Season. Players living in the towns of Marion, Mattapoissett and Rochester who will be 13, 14 or 15 years of age by May 5, 2011 are eligible to play.

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Marion Annual Town Election

Marion's Annual Town Election will be held on Friday, **May 20**. Nomination papers for elected positions are now available at the Town Clerk's office, 2 Spring Street, Marion. The following positions are open:

- Selectman: one position for three years
- Assessor: one position for three years
- Town Clerk: one position for three years
- Moderator: one position for one year
- Board of Health: one position for three years

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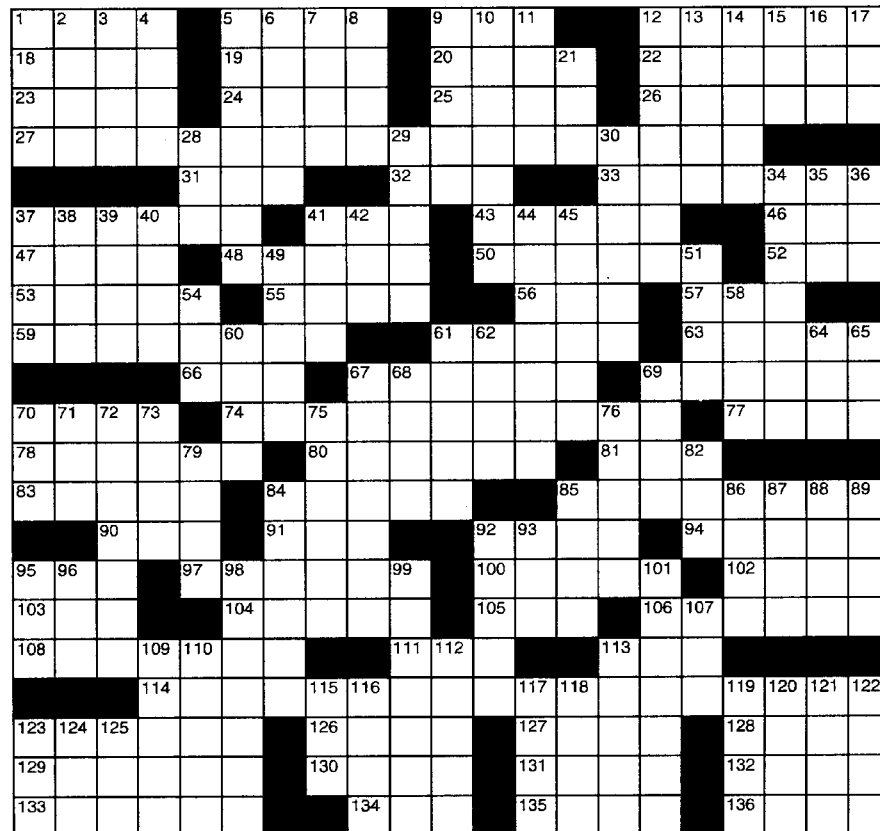
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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Consider moving beyond the usual methods to find a more creative means of handling a difficult on-the-job situation. Avoid confrontation and, instead, aim for cooperation.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Seasonal change creates a new look for the outdoors. It also inspires Taureans to redo their own environments, and this is a good week to start redoing both your home and workplace. Enjoy.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A misunderstanding needs to be straightened out so the wrong impression isn't allowed to stand. If necessary, offer to support the use of a third party to act as an impartial arbitrator.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A career change offering what you want in money and responsibilities could involve moving to a new location. Discuss this with family members before making a decision.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Feeling miffed over how you believe you were treated is understandable. But before you decide to "set things straight," make sure the whole thing wasn't just a misinterpretation of the facts.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Showing you care makes it easier to build trust and gain an advantage in handling a delicate situation. What you learn from this experience also will help you understand yourself better.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Planning for the future is fine, especially if you include the roles that family members may be asked to play. Don't be surprised if some hidden emotions are revealed in the process.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Making choices highlights much of the week, and you have a head start here, thanks to your ability to grasp the facts of a situation and interpret them in a clear-cut manner.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Carrying a torch can be a two-way situation: It can either keep you tied to the past or help light your way to the future. The choice, as always, has to be yours.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your watchwords this week are: "Focus." "Focus." "Focus." Don't let yourself be distracted from what you set out to do. There'll be time later to look over other possibilities.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A workplace opportunity might require changes you're not keen on making. Discuss the pluses and minuses with someone familiar with the situation before you make a decision.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Love and romance are strong in your aspect this week. If you've already met the right person, expect your relationship to grow. And if you're still looking, odds are you'll soon be finding it.

BORN THIS WEEK: You approach life in a wise and measured manner, which gives you an edge in many areas.

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- Tree Warden: one position for three years
- Marion School Committee: two positions for three years
- ORR School Committee: one position for three years
- Open Space Acquisition Commission: two positions for three years

Papers must be returned to the Town Clerk's office for certification by April 1 by 5:00 pm. Please call the Town Clerk's office at 508-748-3502.

Tri-Town Telephone "Blue Book"

The League of Women's Voter's Tri-Town telephone directory (the "Blue Book") is currently being updated for its 26th edition. The 2011/2012 edition will be released in early summer 2011.

All residents are urged to check their current listings in the 2009/2010 Blue Book (the last edition) to be sure they are accurate. Residents who have recently moved into town, who have moved within town in the past two years, who have unlisted numbers, and those whose phone numbers do not appear in the Verizon Directory must submit their updated information.

Mattapoisett, Marion and Rochester residents who are new to the area or who are not listed in the Verizon telephone directory and who would like to be included in the Blue Book may submit their entry information by emailing it to: lwvphonebook@comcast.net or mailing it to LWV Phone Book, PO Box 812, Marion, MA 02738. Include your name, address including P.O. Box number and ten-digit phone number as you want it to appear in the book. Call 508-748-2542 with any questions.

Mattapoisett BOA Home Inspections

The Mattapoisett Board of Assessors is beginning the process of cyclical inspections as part of the 2012 revaluation. Data inspectors will be canvassing different neighborhoods in Mattapoisett from March through July. The cyclical inspections are the board's attempt to view the interior of the homes as well as doing outside

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<p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARION PLANNING BOARD The Marion Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 28, 2011 at 7:15 PM in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House to consider accepting the following Massachusetts General Law or do or take any action related thereto: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of G.L. c.39, §23D, said law providing that a member of a board, committee, or commission holding an adjudicatory hearing shall not be disqualified from voting in the matter solely due to the member's absence from one session of such hearing, provided that certain conditions as established by said statute are met, and to make said law applicable to the Marion Planning Board, or do or take any other action in this matter. The text relative to the proposed amendment is available for inspection during regular business hours at the Marion Planning office in the Marion Town House. Frank (Jay) Ryder, Chairman Thomas Magauran, Vice-Chairman 03/10, 03/17</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT BOARD OF SELECTMEN A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at 7:15 PM at the Mattapoisett Town Hall, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA regarding the application of Turk's Seafood Market and Sushi Bar, located at 83 Marion Road, Mattapoisett MA. The application is to extend the service limit of an existing alcohol license to include a new 400 square foot "al fresco" dining area to be located adjacent to the existing enclosed sushi dining patio Jordan C. Collyer, Chairman Paul A. Silva, Vice Chairman George Randall, Clerk 03/10, 03/17</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 23, 2011 at 7:30 PM in the Town House conference room, 2 Spring Street, on a Request for Determination of Applicability #41D-1441 submitted by DAVID and MARSHA KELLEY to construct a 14' x 24' single-story addition to the garage at 39 Bullivant Farm Road, further identified as Lot 52 on Marion Assessors' Plan 9. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Joel D. Hartley, Chairman 03/17</p> <hr/> <p>REVISED LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE Pursuant to Chapter 71, Section 38N of the Massachusetts General Laws, you are notified that there will be a PUBLIC HEARING of the Mattapoisett School Committee regarding the school budget for the 2011-2012 school year at 7:00 PM, on Wednesday, March 30, 2011, in the John N. DeCosta Cafeteria at Center School, 17 Barstow Street, Mattapoisett, Massachusetts. This public hearing was originally scheduled for March 14, 2011. 03/17</p>	<p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 23, 2011 at 7:40 PM in the Town House conference room, 2 Spring Street, on a Request for Determination of Applicability #41D-1442 submitted by JOSIAH and ELIZABETH HATCH for the following work at 168 Allen's Point Road, further identified as Lot 35 on Marion Assessors' Map 6: construct an 80' x 55' (overall) patio on the south side of the dwelling, replace the north entrance steps, and replace the trees around the tennis court with 10'-tall hedges. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Joel D. Hartley, Chairman 03/17</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT PLANNING BOARD The Mattapoisett Planning Board will hold a public hearing on April 4, 2011 at 7:00 PM at the Mattapoisett Town Hall Conference Room located at 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 concerning the application of Anthony J. Goulart regarding a proposed Definitive Subdivision located at 19 Pine Island Road to be know as "Little Pine Estates" and shown as Lot 37 and 40 on Mattapoisett Assessors Plat #5. The project requires approval under "Subdivision Control Law". Complete plans are on file in the office of the Town Clerk and may be inspected by any interested party during normal business hours of the clerk's office. Planning Board 03/17, 03/24</p>	<p>WILL PICK UP AT YOUR HOUSE appliances, cast iron tubs, batteries, grills, any kind of iron, wiring, plumbing & car parts, etc. Will take away for free. Call Russell, 1-508-718-8999</p> <hr/> <p>WINDOW WASHING & POWERWASHING Odd Jobs, etc..... 508-990-1946 & 508-264-4258 7 days</p> <hr/> <p>yamaha piano \$500.00(clavinova) 508-317-7620 frank meisler sculptures 1500--3500</p> <hr/> <p>YEAR ROUND RENTAL CRESCENT BEACH 3BD/1BA. Beautiful, sunny, nicely furnished, off st. parking, w/d, microwave, full kitchen, great yard. Available April 1. No pets, no smoking. 781-934-9080</p> <hr/> <p>YOUR HOUSEKEEPER Residential, Cottage, and Office Cleaning Bonded and Insured 508-207-6362 or 508-994-2711</p>
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measurements. This process will help to ensure records are current. The Board of Assessors asks that homeowners please cooperate with the inspectors. If you have and questions or concerns please feel free to contact the Assessor Office at 508-758-4106.

Hall of Fame Golf Tournament

The Old Rochester Sports Hall of Fame will sponsor a benefit golf tournament at the Bay Club at Mattapoisett on Sunday, **May 1**. Proceeds from the tournament will help fund The Old Rochester Sports Hall of Fame, which will induct its first class on June 11 in connection with ORR's 50 year celebration.

The 18-hole tournament will follow a shotgun start beginning at 12:30 pm. Entry fee is \$175 per player, which includes 18 holes of golf, cart, buffet lunch, cash prizes and certificates for Low Team Scores, Closet to the Pin and Skins Competition. In addition, the driving range, putting green and practice areas will be open to all participants beginning at 11:00 am.

All area golf enthusiasts are welcome. Participants may enter as foursomes or as individuals whom we will assist in forming teams. Space is limited. Don't miss out on this opportunity to help establish the Old Rochester Sports Hall of Fame and Scholarship Fund.

For more information or a registration form, contact Bob Hohne, Golf Chairman at 508-758-9081 or by email at rhohne@orr.mec.edu.

Tri-Town Early Childhood Program

The Tri-Town Early Childhood Program, located at Old Rochester Regional High School, is currently accepting applications for the 2011/2012 school year. A limited number of spaces are available. Applications will be accepted until **April 1**. The enrollment policy is based on a balance of three and four-year-olds, a balance of boys and girls, and a balance among residents of the three member towns.

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Marion Street Census Reminder

For Marion residents, please return or telephone in the 2011 Annual Street Listing (Census) immediately to the Marion Town Clerk, 2 Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738. Home visits will be made to all residents failing to respond. Please contact the Town Clerk's office at 508-748-3502 with questions.

COA Seeks Board Members

The Mattapoisett Council on Aging is currently accepting letters of interest from individuals wishing to be considered for a seat on the COA Advisory Board. The board is seeking individuals interested in contributing fresh ideas for current and new programming in support of well being throughout later life. Individuals should be prepared to attend board meetings the first Wednesday of each month at 8:00 am. Please send letters to COA Board Search Committee, at the Mattapoisett COA, P.O. Box 528, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.

Tri-Town Flood Plain Map

As part of the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Map Modernization Program, the Towns of Mattapoisett, Marion and Rochester will be receiving new digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps (DFIRMS) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) reports as part of a countrywide update for Plymouth County, Massachusetts. A previous correspondence had indicated that map adoption would occur during late 2010 or early 2011.

In order to accommodate due process activities and allow each community's annual meetings to adopt the new DFIRMS and FIS report, the Letter of Final Determination will now be scheduled between December 2011 and January 2012, making the maps effective June/July 2012.

Harlem Ambassadors Tour

The internationally-acclaimed Harlem Ambassadors will be visiting Mattapoisett for a game at Old Rochester Regional High School on Friday evening, **April 8** at 7:00 pm. The Harlem Ambassadors offer a



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Michael Days	March 23

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by Linda Thistle

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Old Rochester Little League

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Please mail entries, including name, age, address and phone number to: P.O. Box 236 Mattapoissett, MA 02739. Contact Jamie Dwyer by email at jdwyer33@verizon.net or by phone 508-415-3955 with any questions.

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Elizabeth Taber Reenactment

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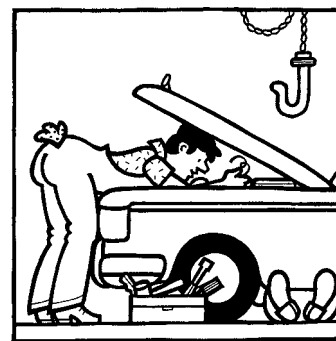
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From Mattapoisett Town Clerk

• **Annual Town Election** – The Annual Town Election for the town of Mattapoisett will be held on Tuesday **May 17, 2011**. Nomination papers are available at the Town Clerk's Office. The office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. The last day that these papers may be applied for is Friday **March 25, 2010** and must be returned by the close of day on Monday **March 28, 2010**.

• **Annual Town Census** – If you have not yet done so, please return your census form, making any necessary corrections, date and sign and return to the Town Clerk's Office. If you have any questions concerning the form please feel free to call the office at 508-758-4103 ext 2. There is a dog license renewal form on the back of your census form. Enclose a check for the required amount made out to the Town of Mattapoisett and return with your census form, a 2011 license will be mailed to you.

• **2011 Dog License** – 2011 Licenses are available. Please note that the fees have increased, Male/Female license is \$12, and if the dog is spayed or neutered the fee is \$9. If the owner of the dog is 70 years old or older the license fee is waived. A current rabies vaccination must be on file for all dogs before the license can be issued.

• **Boat Bills** – Wharf, Skiff, Mooring and Boat Sticker bills have been mailed and are due and payable 60 days from bill date. If not paid by April 1 a late bill will be issued with an additional fee of \$50. If you did not receive a bill and you should have or if you have any questions or concerns please call the clerk's office at 508-758-4103 ext 2.

• **Wait List Bills** – Wharf, Skiff, Mooring and Dinghy Dock wait list bills were mailed on **March 1**. If you are on any or all of the above be sure to submit payment within 60 days of bill date to avoid any late fee and or removal from the wait list

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• **Spring Story Time** – Story Time for children between the ages of three and five begins **April 4** and runs through May 23, 2011. Children are invited to enjoy stories, finger-plays and crafts Monday mornings at 10:30 am.

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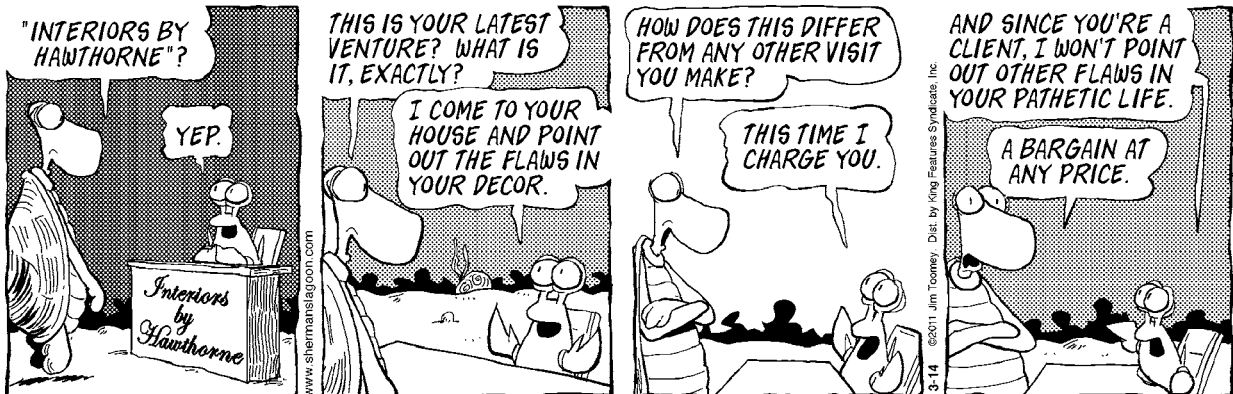
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to attend and must be accompanied by enthusiastic adult companions. The half-hour of stories, finger-plays and crafts takes place at 10:30 am on Wednesday mornings.

• **Spring Lapsit** – Spring Lapsit for children from birth through 23 months and their caregivers, begins **April 5** and runs through May 24. Each Tuesday morning program begins at 10:30 am and includes a 20-minute “story time” followed by 20 minutes of socializing. One child per “lap”, please.

Marion Natural History Museum

The following **after school programs** – which will take place from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm – are being offered. The cost is \$4 for members and \$6 for non-members.

• **March 30:** Animal Adaptations - Why hibernate instead of migrate? Which animal has “antifreeze” in its blood? What animals go from egg to adult in three months and why? As the seasons move from winter to spring, what adaptations are animals experiencing? What changes are occurring and why? Can we build a better animal?

• **April 6:** Trees and other things - Amateur naturalist/botanist and former teacher Mike (Martha) Schroeder will be helping attendees explore the world of twigs, trees and other woody growth. The program will examine tree cookies, logs and twigs and learning how woody plants grow.

The museum has the following **family programs** scheduled. The cost to attend is \$6 per individual and \$10 per family.

The Marion Natural History Museum is located at 8 Spring Street in Marion. For more information on these programs, please call 508-748-2098 or visit www.MarionMuseum.org.

Social Club Chicken Bake

The Marion Social Club is holding its 30th anniversary Chicken Bake on Sunday, **April 17**. Doors open at 12:00 pm. A dinner of chicken with baked potato, vegetable, rolls and butter, and desert will be served at 1:00 pm. Raffle drawings will be held for prizes. Tickets cost \$10 per person. The Marion Social club is located at 44 Pumping Station Road

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• **Architectural Lecture** – On Tuesday, **March 29** at 6:30 pm, principals from an architect firm will present “Rule and Invention: A 21st Century Practice.” The program will include images and a discussion of their designs. The book that features their designs, *New Classic American Houses*, by Dan Cooper, will be available for purchase and signing. Refreshments will be available.

• **Spring Story Time Series** – The seven-week Spring Storytime series for preschoolers and toddlers will begin the week of **April 5**. Registration begins Tuesday, March 22. Please call 508-758-4171 to learn more about the schedule and to sign up.

• **Poetry Writing** – April is Poetry Month and the Friends of the Mattapoisett Library once again will offer a free poetry reading on Saturday, **April 9** from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Sunday, **April 10** will be a Writing Day Away at the library. Participants are invited to register for a daylong workshop to write and share original writing in any genre. Details will be forthcoming.

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